

Mid-Week Camp for Schools & Other Youth Groups

September – May

Friday to Sunday

Call or [EMAIL](#) the Camp Registrar to check on available dates or to make a reservation for your group.

Cost for 2024 (Jan-Dec): \$279 per person

Cost for 2025 (Jan-Dec): TBA

Adult Chaperone Pricing:

Each group will receive two adults at half price initially. In addition, one adult for every 10 children will also be half price. All additional adults pay full price. This includes all adults attending (teachers, faculty, parent chaperones, etc).

Basic Info:

The minimum age requirement is 7 years old (due to insurance reasons, this is not flexible). Riding, Vaulting, and other activities are exclusively for the children (hence the discounted rate for adults).

Arrival – 11:30 AM on Wednesday (we DO NOT provide Lunch on Wed, you must bring your own)

Departure – about 1:00 PM on Friday (after lunch)

General Reservation Information:

\$250 or 10% (*whichever is greater*) Non-Refundable Deposit and signed contract are due within 30 days from when the reservation is made. Reservations will not be considered confirmed until these are received.

Final/Confirmed Head Count & Final Balance due 14 days prior to arrival date.

Minimum Guarantee - User groups guarantee a minimum payment of 90% of the total balance due, if head count drops below 10% of their originally reserved number of spaces (as stated on their contract).

Increase - Rawhide Ranch can accommodate up to 110% of the originally reserved number of spaces.

Accommodates small groups (minimum of 25 people required) as well as groups of up to 100 people total (max of 80 children). Program includes a 2-night stay at the ranch with 6 meals, classes in animal and horse science, vaulting (gymnastics on horseback), riding instruction, animal care time, plus evening activities, campfire and much more.

Groups will be housed in their own cabin(s) in one of our rustic Old West themed housing areas. Final group size determines cabin assignment. Cabins are outfitted with wooden bunk beds/covered mattresses and overhead lighting. The modern shower/restroom facilities are located immediately adjacent to the housing areas.

The group's reservation must be made under the auspices of a sponsoring organization (i.e. School, YMCA, etc.) who must provide the necessary Certificate of Liability insurance paperwork.

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Activities

Youth Group Activities for the mid-week program includes a myriad of classes and activities. Our core classes consist of 4 specific activities that are included in every camp program.

WESTERN RIDING LESSONS

Ranchhands have a western riding lesson taught by the ranch's certified riding instructors and their assistants. Geared toward beginners. Riders must wear a current ASTM-SEI approved equestrian riding helmet at all times while on horseback. (Yes, helmets do "expire"; if your rider's helmet has a manufacturing date (check the label) older than 5 years it's time to replace.)

Helmets are provided by Rawhide Ranch, or you are welcome to bring your own approved equestrian helmet. (Bike helmets are not acceptable.)

VAULTING

Learning vaulting (gymnastics on horseback) techniques is an ideal way to help new riders understand posture, leg contact and balance from the beginning. For more experienced riders, vaulting techniques help them gain insight into timing of strides and rhythm as well. Vaulting exercises are the perfect way for riders to learn how to safely dismount "unexpectedly" and overcome a fear of falling. A safe way to learn since the horse is controlled by a longeur, vaulting focuses on the key elements in developing confident and competent riders. Vaulting is the gateway to all equestrian sport!

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Our Animal Science class gives our Ranchhands a chance to learn the basics of the different ranch animals that we have here at the ranch. Our classes focus on the care, exploration, and hands on learning opportunities of a working ranch.

HORSE SCIENCE

What is the difference between a horse and a pony? Come find out in the midst of our famous pony barn for horse science classes. These classes focus on the many different aspects of horse and pony care, terminology, grooming and the psychology of herd animals and their behavior. Our Horse Science classes give every camper a chance to work with our ponies and horses to gain more confidence and respect for our large four-legged friends.

ANIMAL CARE

Each Ranchhand will have an opportunity to participate in animal care time, morning, and afternoon. This activity is based on old time chores that children living on a ranch would have had responsibility for. It may include raking out stalls and surrounding areas and feeding/watering all types of ranch/farm animals. It's all part of the ranch experience and builds great pride and teamwork within the group. Morning and afternoon animal care time is designed to help Ranchhands to learn about all aspects of taking care of animals and being responsible for them. After animal care time the Ranchhands will have the opportunity to wash up and then head off to their next activity.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Rawhide Ranch offers a wide variety of Evening Activities facilitated by our trained instructors. Based on the age of the students in camp, our games and activities are carefully selected for their skills, abilities, and needs as a growing and learning group. The evening activities will include all groups in camp for the session. The first night of camp will consist of many different games and activities. This gives campers an opportunity to have a lot of fun, work together in teams, and run off some energy before lights out.

Our second night of evening programming may also include more high energy activities as well as a traditional campfire led by our wonderful year-round instructors. We encourage songs, skits, and stories from your group but are certainly not required. Our staff will run the entire program for you, engaging your group in fun and appropriate campfire activities.

Both evenings will include downtime and the flexibility to add any of your own additional programming for your group.