

# Victory Ranch

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Summer Camp is an exciting adventure filled with friends, special moments, new experiences, and plenty of good times.

We are glad that you will be a part of the fun at Victory Ranch this summer! The enclosed information should help you prepare your child for camp. Please take some time to review the information with your camper.

## First Day of Camp:

Plan to arrive on the first day of camp between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. Our staff will be eagerly anticipating your arrival. We will all be there to meet you and show you to your camper's cabin to unload. Parents please check in and see the Camp Nurse while the counselor is helping your camper settle in.

\*Camp activities will begin at 5:30!

## Closing Day Picnic:

Family and Guests are invited to attend a closing picnic on the last day of each session. A Ranch style lunch will be served at 11:30.

## Departure:

After lunch your camper will be packed and ready to start telling stories about a fantastic camp experience.

## Campers Staying Multiple Sessions:

Campers staying consecutive sessions will have a variety of activities to enjoy during their "extra time" at camp. Multiple Session discounts are available

## A Glimpse into a Day at Victory Ranch

7:30	Rise and Shine
8:00	Breakfast & Devotional
8:45	Prepare for Morning Activities
9:00 – 12:00	Morning Ranch Activities
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Quiet Time
1:45	Prepare for Afternoon Activities
2:00 – 5:00	Afternoon activities
5:30	Dinner
6:30	Round-Up
7:30	Evening Ranch Wide Activity
9:00 – 9:30	Campers in Cabins/Lights Out (Earlier for Beginner Campers)

## Cabin Placement:

We will try to honor a request for two campers to be in the same cabin, if their age and grade level allow and if the parents of both campers request it. All requests need to be on the application or in writing four weeks prior to arrival. Please **DO NOT** call and request cabin assignment information.

## Spending Money

Each camper has a spending account. We recommend \$75.00 - \$100.00 per regular session. A Spending Account Card should be filled out and returned with a check for the beginning balance on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>. (We ask that you not send any cash to camp with your camper. They will not need any.)

We have an awesome Camp Store, where stamps, stationery, soap, souvenirs, etc., are sold. Victory Ranch knitwear (T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, hats, etc.) will be sold in the store at a nominal fee.

The store staff will try to keep campers from overspending. We suggest you discuss this with your camper. **The Ranch Store will be open for family and guests on opening and closing day of each session.**

## Camper Conduct:

*“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Col. 3:12*

We expect campers to show consideration for one another and the environment we share. These principles are encouraged in simple ways, such as asking campers to help clean up after activities and to respect camp and personal property.

**To ensure that each camper has an enjoyable and safe time at Victory Ranch, campers must agree to uphold the following:**

1. Participants shall respond to the authority of all Victory Ranch Staff.
2. Participants who destroy Ranch property (buildings, equipment, vehicles, grounds, etc.) will be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement.
3. Any participant caught with alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will be dismissed immediately.
4. Participants caught stealing or pilfering through other’s belongings will be dismissed.
5. Participants shall refrain from abusive language and physical harm to others.

The camp directors reserve the right to dismiss any camper when it deemed to be in the best interest of either the child or camp, or for violation of camp rules. NO REFUND will be given.

# Camper Communication

## Mail/Email:

All correspondence to campers must be through the postal service or email.

Campers enjoy receiving mail! Plan on sending a few short messages to your camper during his/her time away from home. A letter within the first two days of camp would be greatly appreciated by your camper. (This means mailing a letter before your camper actually arrives at camp.)

\*\*Campers will be encouraged to write home. Some campers will need extra encouragement from parents. It is helpful to send pre-addressed, stamped envelopes or postcards with your camper.

## To Email Your Camper:

Send the message to [camper@victoryranch.org](mailto:camper@victoryranch.org).

Include campers full name in the subject line.

Please DO NOT send e-cards, pictures, or attachments.

Emails will be printed and delivered with the regular mail each day. (Campers will not be able to return emails.)

## Phone Policy:

Please call the Ranch office if you have a concern about your camper or in case of a family emergency (Office: 731-659-2880 or Dennis' Cell: 901-496-2923). Campers are not allowed to receive phone calls.

## NO Package Policy:

Victory Ranch has a no package policy for campers. Please inform family and friends of this policy and remind them not to send food, candy, or gum in letters. Campers are not allowed food in their bunkrooms. If your camper forgot to pack an important camp item, you may send it addressed to your camper, c/o Ranch Office, at our shipping address and write the contents on the outside of the package. The package will be opened in the Ranch office and delivered to your camper's counselor. If your camper does receive a care package, we will return it to the sender.

## Birthday Exception:

The exception to this policy is that a camper is allowed to receive a package on his/her birthday. The parent should write BIRTHDAY PACKAGE in bold letters on the outside of the package. The package will be held until the camper's birthday. Please do not send food or candy in birthday packages. Birthdays are extra special at Victory Ranch!

## Medical Info

**Health Forms:** All campers must have completed medical forms on file. All campers must have a health examination within 24 months of attending camp. The Green Health Form must be completed and signed by a physician. No camper will be admitted to camp without this form.

**Medications:** Victory Ranch supplies over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, first aid supplies, and poison ivy lotion with permission from parents. All Prescription medications must be in the original container, bearing the pharmacy label, showing the date filled, physician's name, name of medication, directions for use, and the patient's name. All medications will be administered under the supervision of the Camp Nurse or Director. Information about all medications must be included on the Green Health Form.

**Special Medical Concerns:** All special concerns should be discussed with the Program Director or Nurse ahead of time or on the first day of camp.

**Medical Treatment:** Parents will be notified immediately if a health problem arises while their child is at camp.

# Let's Get Packing

## Luggage:

When packing for camp, choose luggage that is easy to store under a bunk or cubby. Each camper will have a cubby with shelves and hooks for unpacking at camp. All articles brought to camp should be clearly marked with the camper's full name. Please tape all locks on luggage. A complete list of items should be taped to the inside top.

## Laundry:

Each camper will have at least one laundry service per session. Please be certain that every article of clothing is distinctly marked with the camper's name. This includes raincoat, tennis shoes, pillow, EVERYTHING. Names should be clearly visible on the outside of each laundry bag. If your camper chooses to use a mesh type bag, please attach a nametag to the drawstring. A list of articles brought to camp should be posted in the top of your camper's luggage. Victory Ranch does not accept responsibility for campers' personal belongings.

## Valuables:

Victory Ranch cannot be responsible for valuables brought to camp. Campers should not bring the following: cell phones, ipods, discman, Gameboys, expensive cameras, money or jewelry. These items often distract from the camp environment and may be held by the camp director and returned to the camper upon departure.

## What To Pack:

This list applies to campers attending a one-week session.

Adjust the number of items for a shorter or longer stay.

- 1 pillow
- 1 pillowcase
- 1 sets of sheets
- 1 blanket
- 1 sleeping bag
- 4 towels
- 4 washcloths
- 1 laundry bag (clearly labeled)
- Toiletries
- Shower caddy
- Flashlight w/extra batteries
- Bible
- Water bottle
- Insect repellent
- Waterproof Sunscreen
- 8 pair shorts
- 8 T-Shirts
- 2 pair blue jeans or long pants
- 1 sweatshirt
- 2 sets of PJs
- 8 pair underwear
- 8 pair socks
- 3 swimming suits (one-piece required for girls)
- 1 hat/ visor
- 1 rain jacket/ poncho
- 2 pair tennis shoes (1 pr. old)
- 1 pair flip flops or water shoes
- Stationery, Pens, and stamps (Pre-addressed, stamped envelopes)
- Disposable camera (PLEASE LABEL)
- Backpack

### What NOT to Pack:

Money  
Cell phone  
IPod  
Discman  
Gameboy  
Jewelry  
Valuables  
Inappropriate Clothing

## Suggested Items:

Each night at camp we have an exciting Ranch Wide activity/event. Many campers enjoy dressing up to participate. Some of our fun nights include:

Wacky Olympics, Disco, Rodeo, Luau, and MORE!

## **Optional:**

All necessary equipment is available for campers at camp. Campers may prefer to bring their own equipment.

**Please label all equipment with camper's full name.**

Examples: Hiking shoes, Riding boots, Riding helmet, Baseball or Softball glove, Bike helmet, Tennis racquet, etc.

## **Lost and Found:**

Please contact the Ranch as soon as possible if you find something has been left at camp. All lost and found items will be kept at the Ranch until August 30<sup>th</sup>. All items unclaimed by August 30<sup>th</sup> will be given to a worthy cause. Remember to mark ALL of your child's belongings.