



RVR Campers and Families,

Sunday, June 07, 2015

Summer is here and we're thrilled that it's almost time for Day Camp at River Valley Ranch. We are thrilled to announce that our theme for this summer is Campalot! Kings, knights, and castles...we have it all! There are so many exciting changes this year, and we cannot wait to share them with you.

For your convenience, and to maximize your child's day camp experience, we have put together the following packet of information. We hope you will find it helpful as you plan for an amazing week at River Valley Ranch!

**Morning Drop Off:** 9 am every morning

**Afternoon Pick Up:** 5 pm every afternoon\*

*\*Please refer to our afternoon pick-up policy*

## What to Bring to Camp

### Everyday:

- A pair of long pants and closed toe shoes to be kept in your child's cubby all week.
- A water bottle

Due to the nature of the adventure activities that will happen periodically throughout the week it is recommended that these items be left at camp throughout the week.

### Monday

- If your child is 4-6 years old you may send rest items to camp. We take a 30-minute siesta each day for these campers and some campers find it helpful to have a mat, a pillow or a favorite stuffed animal with them during this time.
- Water Bottle

### Tuesday

- White t-shirt for tie-dye (4-6 year olds)
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Change of clothes

## Wednesday

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Change of clothes

## Thursday

- White t-shirt for tie-dye (8-11 year olds)
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Change of clothes
- Closed toe shoes for creek (Keens, Crocs, Water Shoes, old tennis shoes or sneakers)

## Friday

- Long pants
- Closed-toe shoes for Horseback riding and zip line (NO CROCSI)

*\*If our needs for the next camp day change due to weather or scheduling, we will notify you at pick-up.*

### ***Day Camp Registration:***

Registration will be held on Monday morning at 8:30. Please meet our camp registrar, nurse, and Day Camp Directors on the porch of the Buffalo Lodge to register your child and turn in any requisite forms. Please complete your health forms through your online Circuitree account. If you are unable to complete forms online, you can print them out at [www.rivervalleyranch.com/forms](http://www.rivervalleyranch.com/forms).

*Note: You do not need to bring a copy of immunization records for Day Camp.*

### ***Before and After Care:***

River Valley Ranch offers convenient before and after care programs. Before Care is from 8:30-9 a.m. and After Care is from 5-5:30 p.m. Each service is \$15/day. You may add this service to your account online or by calling the Ranch Office at (443) 712-1010. Please see the enclosed information on our Afternoon Pick-Up policy.

### ***Additional Information Enclosed:***

- Day Camp Behavioral Management Plan
- Day Camp Rules (*we encourage parents to go over these rules ahead of time with your campers*)
- Day Camp Afternoon Pick-up Lateness Policy
- Friday Finale Invitation

## Meet Your Day Camp Directors and Counselors!

Hello! My name is **Jennifer Walters**, and I am excited to come to Day Camp as one of the Program Directors. This is my second year working with the Ranch and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the day campers! My husband, Jeff Walters, and I are very excited to have the opportunity to co-direct Day camp this year. I am a kindergarten teacher for Carroll County Public Schools. I graduated from Towson University with a degree in Elementary Education and certification in Early Childhood Education. This summer will be the perfect opportunity for me to share my love for the Lord and passion for teaching. I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us this summer! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Hi, my name is **Jeff Walters**. I am very excited to be one of the Program Directors for Day Camp this year. This is my second year working with the Ranch. I look forward to working with my wife, Jennifer Walters, in co-directing the program. I am a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies teacher for Baltimore County Public Schools. I graduated from Towson University with a degree in Social Sciences and Secondary Education. I recently graduated with a Masters in Educational Leadership also from Towson University. My goal this summer is to share my excitement for learning and the Lord. I am looking forward to meeting your children and families this summer!

My name is **Megan Ganovski** and in the fall I will be starting my Senior year at Liberty University. I love anything and everything you can do in the summer- swimming, hammocking, hiking, etc. I love to write and spend time worshiping Jesus through that. I'm excited to spend my fourth summer as a Day Camp counselor at RVR to share the love of Jesus with all of the campers and to make their time at the ranch the best experience ever!

Hi! My name is **Shoshannah**, but everyone calls me Shoshie. I am originally from Cape May, New Jersey; however, I now live in Lynchburg, Virginia as I attend Liberty University. I will be a Junior next semester and I am excited to see what God has in store for me in the coming year. I am working at the ranch this summer because I have a passion for kids, I love the outdoors, and I love Jesus! I hope to become a teacher one day and that is why I am stoked to be working with kids this summer.

Hi! My name is **Olivia**. I am originally from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida but my parents recently moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. I am officially a Junior at Liberty University majoring in Business: Marketing. I come from an amazing God fearing family with two brothers and three sisters (I am number 5). I love my family dearly! I enjoy the outdoors more than anything, being from Florida I kind of flock towards the sun! Haha Volleyball is my favorite sport, I played for 6 years in grade school. I am a very crafty/artsy person, I love coloring and making crafts! Who says we have to grow up?? :) I love children, I love watching them grow and learn and explore their own creativeness. I have three nieces under the age of 4 and it is wonderful thing to be apart of every step they take in life!

Hi! My name is **Zachary** and I'm originally from Upperco, Maryland. I'm a sophomore at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia and studying to become an Athletic Trainer. I've always grown up in Maryland and have spent a lot of time around the ranch - fireworks, camps, river valley runs - pretty much everything you can think of. My interests include hiking, longboarding, and country music - I guess really anything outdoors and adventurous :) I have a passion for Christ and really enjoy working with youth kids so I can't wait to see what God has in store for this summer!

My name is **Brittini**, I'm 23 years young and from the wonderful and beautiful state of Pennsylvania. I just spent the past year studying at Liberty University and will be finishing up my Bachelor degree in Advertising in the fall! I have a huge passion for sharing the love of Christ with everyone I meet. In my free time I love to skateboard. I work at the Liberty Mountain Skatepark through Liberty University, and back home I volunteer at my local skatepark which is in the basement of my home church. Through skateboarding, I've been privileged to travel all over the world to share the love of Jesus Christ including the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and Guatemala. I love to travel, and I love seeing the lives of youth and kids transformed to the calling God has for them. Other hobbies of mine include riding my unicycle, filming, drawing, hiking and camping. I was a camper at RVR when I was a kid and I am filled with joy now knowing I'll be a day camp counselor this summer! I'm excited for the relationships and memories that will be made, and I'm even more excited to see God transform campers hearts and lives for His kingdom!

So my name is **Aidan**, but you can call me Aidan for short. My last name is Gscheidle, and should you attempt to pronounce that... it's like "GUSH-idle". I am a very-nearly-graduated high school senior from Pennsylvania. Do you know where Williamsport is ( of Little League World Series fame)? I live 20 minutes away from there. Or, as another point of reference, I'm an hour from Penn State University. Even though I've mentioned sports twice, I'm not really much of a sports fan-- unless it's something like mountain biking or rock climbing. My interests/hobbies include Music (listening, writing, and playing), Food (eating, cooking, and eating), writing poetry and short stories, and learning the ways of my parent's upcoming micro-farm. (I know a lot about chickens.) Some other studies I've particularly enjoyed are psychology and theology. I started walking with Jesus at RVR, back in the summer of 2012. I'll have to tell you that story sometime! Ever since then, it has been one wild ride, lemme tell you. I've felt a desire to be at RVR for the past couple years, but several months ago, the Lord really started pulling me to work there *this* summer. And so I come. Being the oldest out of 5 children, I guess I know something about kids. Sharing Jesus with little kids is one of the funniest things ever-- after all, one of the fruits of the Spirit is Joy!

## Behavior Management Plan 2014 Day Camp at River Valley Ranch



### Step 1- Rebuke

*When disruptive or inappropriate behavior occurs, clearly communicate the fact to the child.*

- Be specific about the correction. For example: "Joe, in our group you have times to talk and times to listen. Right now it is your turn to listen, because the counselor is talking."
- Allow only 1 or 2 incidents in which you give verbal correction. Then warn the child that if the misbehavior continues, you will remove him/her.

### Step 2- Restrict

*For a child who continues to disobey, increase the accountability by removing the child from the activity or moving the child next to a counselor.*

- The director may choose to turn the class over to another counselor and take the child outside for a few minutes to talk in private with the child.
- Allow the child to re-enter an activity only when you believe it's appropriate. Ask the child if he/she is willing to behave properly. Expect an affirmative answer before allowing the child to return.
- If more misbehavior occurs, warn the child that the next incident will result in removal from the room/location and a meeting with his/her parents at the end of the day.

### Step 3- Remove

*In the event of further disruption or inappropriate behavior, remove the child from the group and if possible, transfer custody to the parents.*

- The director should take this action and should ask the counselor to temporarily assume leadership.
- The director should contact the parents and ask them to assume custody.
- Arrange a time to meet with the parents to discuss the child's behavioral problems. This should be arranged as soon as possible and include the director.
- Inform the parents that this meeting is necessary before the child will be permitted to return to the group.

### Step 4- Restore

*The director and counselor shall meet with the parents- or with the parents and child- to discuss the child's behavior together.*

- Ask the parents for their support by taking whatever action is appropriate to motivate the child to change.
- If the parents and leaders cannot agree, they may request the director or programming to mediate.
- The leaders should communicate again with the parents to provide a progress report on the child's behavior.
- After receiving the child back into the group, seek to compliment and encourage good behavior. Try to catch the child doing the right thing, give praise.



## River Valley Ranch Day Camp Rules:

1. Listen quietly when a leader is speaking
2. Use kind words and actions toward others
3. During a lesson, please sit with legs crossed and hands in your lap
4. Respect camp furnishings/equipment
5. Stay safe by following directions and staying with the group

River Valley Ranch Day Camp  
Afternoon Pick-Up Lateness Policy



*To ensure that the hard work and on-the-job hours of our dedicated counseling staff are respected, please know that we have instituted the following policy for afternoon pick-up unpunctuality:*

**For campers being picked up at 5:00:**

- If the lateness extends beyond 5:20, there will be a lateness charge of \$10 and then an additional \$1/minute for after 5:30.
- We will offer a onetime grace period, however; we will need to be notified in advance to apply the exemption. Please call the Ranch Office at (443) 712-1010 so the receptionist can inform the day camp staff.

**For campers being picked up at 5:30 (After Care Program):**

- There will be no exemptions to the lateness policy
- The charge is \$1/minute after 5:30

*For questions concerning the lateness policy, please direct all inquiries to:*

John Zeigenfuse  
Director of Programming  
443.712.1011 ext. 16  
jzeigenfuse@rivervalleyranch.com



*You are invited to...*  
The River Valley Ranch Day Camp  
*Friday Finale*

**When:** 5:00 PM, Friday of each camp week

**Where:** The Buffalo Lodge

**Parking:** The main parking lot, across the street from the dining hall tent

**What:** A spectacular rally and cookout that celebrates an exciting week at the Ranch, starring your campers!

- Please come to see art projects, mini performances, and an amazing video starring your very own day campers!
- After our presentation, you and your campers are invited to join us at a delicious cookout near the sycamore tree by the creek! Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.
- Feel free to visit the Trading Post for official RVR gear before you leave camp, open until 6:00 pm!