



2022

Educational Program Welcome Packet

Thank you for registering for our educational programs. We have been offering outdoor learning opportunities for students for over 10 years. Here are a few details to make your trip more enjoyable.

Check List

1. Make sure each student has returned a **signed BOH Liability Release Form**. These can be found on the website under downloads as well as in your confirmation email. Please note that our liability covers all activities at the Ranch and the students will only be participating in a few listed.
2. Remind each child to wear outdoor clothing: dressing in layers is advised. Each child needs closed toed shoes, no sandals or flip flops. Jackets are recommended!
3. Book the appropriate number of parents or chaperons that will be needed to assist with crowd management.
4. Bring full payment at the day of the event.
5. Pack lunches for their picnic.

Arrival Time: 9:00 Please make sure you arrive on time for your trip as we have stations planned for every minute of your trip. It is helpful if students can go to the restroom before coming so that we do not use bathroom time during the learning stations. Have your buses pull all of the way around the barn and unload by the Large Green Covered Arena. **Payment and signed liability forms are expected upon arrival.**

Activity Time: 9:15-11:00 All activities are age appropriate and can be tailored to fit a wide variety of learning needs. For the programs, classes will meet in the arena for the welcome and instructions for the day.

Picnic and Play: 11:15-12:30 Students are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and eat at the Ranch. Hand washing stations are mandatory and will be available before lunch.

Teachers and Chaperons: The Ranch does not charge an admission fee for teachers. Parents admission is \$10, We need the help of parents and teachers to ensure the children have a safe and fun experience. The Ranch is located on a working farm and is not a safe environment for children to explore unsupervised. The Ranch staff is prepared to offer great programming but we cannot be responsible for crowd management.

PICNIC AND PLAY The Kangaroo Jumper

There is an additional \$2/ticket fee to use the Picnic and Play Space.



Pack your lunch for a picnic at the farm following the program. The Natural Playground has picnic tables for eating and wooden play elements. The newest addition, the Kangaroo Jumper, is the area's only jump pillow and promises to be a favorite attraction. Enjoy the sand stations, Gaga Ball and other the big slide.



Farm Fast Facts

1. What are the goals of the Educational Programs? Our goal is to provide a positive learning environment where students can use problem solving skills to observe, hypothesize and test a variety of STEM based topics. Applying lessons learned in the classroom to real life situations can be motivating and empowering to students—especially those who struggle in a traditional classroom setting.

2. What can students/teachers expect during these programs? Our programs are prepared to host an entire grade level during these programs. Students/teachers are split into groups and rotate through different stations. Each station will cover a specific topic. These support Common Core learning and strengthen EOG testing. Lunch areas are available by the barn as well as the Natural Playground by the pond. Restroom facilities and hand washing is available before lunch. Teachers and parents are encouraged to interact with the group and assist in “wrangling” the groups of students as they travel from station to station.

3. Will this program meet Essential Classroom standards? Yes! Contact us for specific information or consult the website.

4. What are your facilities like? We are a CHA site accredited facility with 2 barns, 2 large covered arenas, picnic areas, hiking trails and a play area. Security cameras and background checks on volunteers/staff ensure a safe facility. Although we are a working farm we give clear instructions for groups to create clean, safe learning spaces.

5. Who teaches the programs? Trained staff and volunteers teach, many have an educational background.

6. Are your programs safe? Yes, all of our programs are age appropriate and we always remind students that activities are “challenge by choice”. First aid kits and emergency policies are available. Please let the staff know of any allergies or special concerns.

7. What if it rains? We have you covered with 2 covered arenas, a large main barn and smaller covered areas that we use to continue the programs. For lunch, we gather under the covered area for a picnic and play music and games. We can reschedule if there is severe weather.

8. How much does it cost? The cost is \$375 for up to 15 children and then \$10/additional child. No child is turned away because of cost. Please contact us for scholarship information.

9. How do students dress for the program? Closed toed shoes and outdoor clothing are required. Dress in layers for cooler weather. Please advise students to wear shoes that can get dusty.

10. Will the students get to ride the horses? The students will not ride the horses during STEM programs. We do have interactive stations with the horses and small animals, depending on the type of program.

11. What kinds of animals do you have? We have over a dozen horses and also offer a small animal learning/petting area with rabbits, chickens, goats and a pig. We fully enforce biosecurity policies.

12. What is a Kangaroo Jumper? The Kangaroo Jumper is a large outdoor inflated jump pillow that will allow up to 25 kids to jump and play. Shoes are not allowed on the pillow. This aerobic activity offers a fun experience for you students and is monitored by our staff.

