



## Discovery / Horse Lover's Camps

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### ARRIVAL

Please plan to arrive at Circle Square Ranch on Sunday between 4 and 5 pm\*. We are unable to take early registrations. A parent, guardian or a responsible adult must accompany all campers. All medications and canteen money are to be handed in at registration. Registration may take up to 45 minutes.

### DEPARTURE

Sign-out is from 10:45-11:15 on Saturday morning. Medications, canteen return and a cabin photo will be given at sign-out. You are welcome to pack a picnic and enjoy our beautiful property before you head home.

### TWO WEEK CAMPERS

Weekend accommodations may be arranged for campers registered for two consecutive weeks, depending on staff availability. Please contact the Ranch office for fees and details.

### MEDICAL CARE

Medical care is a vital part of our role for your child at the Ranch. Please advise us at registration if there are any changes to your child's medical information. Circle Square Ranch reserves the right to refuse admission to any camper with a suspected contagious condition (i.e. fever, chickenpox or lice/nits). We do a lice check as part of our registration process. Please see the bottom of the *Conditions of Enrolment* waiver form for details. To make the process run smoother, we recommend that campers come with their hair down or in a simple ponytail.

### MEDICATION

All medication brought to camp must be kept with the camp nurse, including vitamins, puffers and over the counter medications. If you want your camper to carry their puffer or epipen with them, please bring a second one to be left with the nurse. Due to the structure of our program, Circle Square Ranch requests that medications required throughout the year be sent with your child to camp. **All medications that are to be given daily should be in a blister pack (available at your pharmacy) or a clearly labelled pill box organizer. If you bring a pill box organizer, please also bring the original medication containers for check in. Original containers can be taken home with the parent after checking medications in with the nurse. Alternately, Circle Square Ranch will also have blister packs available for purchase that parent/ guardians can fill during sign in.** Please label any medications you are sending for use as needed (i.e. cough syrup).

### ALLERGIES & DIETARY NEEDS

When notified in advance, we are able to accommodate most vegetarian, lactose-free, gluten-free diets and other allergies. You may be required to provide food items for any complex allergies or dietary requirements. If food items are required, they should be fully prepared, labelled with your child's name, and reheating instructions. Food items will be stored in our kitchen. Circle Square Ranch will make every effort to accommodate allergies; however, we cannot guarantee that there will be no trace of an allergen in food served. We strive to be a nut free facility and do not knowingly serve foods containing nuts. We sell only nut free products in our store.

### MAIL

There will be a drop box at registration where you can put mail (letters and small nut free parcels) for your child to be delivered daily. Please indicate your child's name and what day mail is to be delivered on the outside of each parcel. Mail can also be sent through Canada Post, keeping in mind that it may take longer to arrive than expected due to our rural route location. If you prefer, email credits can also be purchased, which allows you to send one-way emails to your child. Please see attached *Photos and Emails* page for more info.

### CAMP PHOTOS

Pictures from your week of camp will be available online. Please see the attached *Photos and Emails* page for more info. You can download photos for free online or order prints to be sent to your home.

### CAMP VIDEO CLIPS

Short video clips from your child's week of camp will be uploaded to a secure hosted website after the camp session has ended. An access code to the video clips will be provided at sign-out with a payment of \$10. All proceeds will go towards our Camper Scholarship Fund.

### LOST & FOUND

Please label all of your camper's belongings. We do not assume responsibility for lost or damaged items. Lost and found will be held for one month following camp. We can only look for labeled items. Any found items will be sent at the camper's expense.

### WHAT NOT TO BRING

Cell phones, iPods, portable gaming devices, inappropriate reading materials, etc. are not permitted at Circle Square Ranch and, if brought, will be held in the office for the duration of the camper's session. Please do not bring anything valuable or sentimental to camp as occasionally things do get lost or broken. Absolutely no alcohol, drugs, tobacco are permitted at the Ranch. We reserve the right to send home any camper who fails to cooperate.

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS SUMMER!



INTER VARSITY

CIRCLE  
SQUARE  
RANCH

GRAND  
RIVER



# open House

Sunday, May 24th  
3-5 p.m.

camp tours.meet our staff.pony and wagon rides.  
climbing activities.archery.snacks.



No need to RSVP,  
just show up for an afternoon of fun!



# OVERNIGHT CAMP FAQs

\*\*For additional FAQ's, please check out our website\*\*

## **What qualifications do the camp directors and leadership team have?**

The Camp Directors have over 25 years experience working with Circle Square Ranch. Our summer leadership team consists of individuals with previous camping experience as well as specific skills and training in their area of responsibility.

## **Circle Square Ranch is a Christian camp. What does that mean for my child's experience?**

Circle Square Ranch is a non-denominational Christian summer camp and staff members identify themselves as followers of Jesus. Circle Square Ranch welcomes campers and families from all backgrounds and religious beliefs. Your child will have a devotional time during the day (approximately 1/2 hour) plus an evening campfire (approximately 1 hour) that will focus on an introduction to and understanding of Christian values and beliefs presented through skits, songs, and Bible study. Campers may choose their level of interaction during these times and never have beliefs forced upon them; but are invited to consider issues of life and faith from a Christian perspective.

## **This is the first camp experience for my child. Will he/she be homesick? Can I visit during camp?**

Our friendly atmosphere and understanding staff help campers overcome the natural fears and concerns of being away from home. It is our goal to make their stay at Circle Square Ranch as enjoyable as possible. The camp director will spend time with any homesick child and, if necessary call the parent.

We encourage parents and family not to visit during the week. If a child is homesick, a visit by family is usually not helpful. As well, other campers who are feeling homesick and are aware of the visit may request similar privileges and in most cases, this is not possible. We encourage family to spend as much time on arrival as they feel necessary.

## **Can my child call home?**

While we do not encourage campers to use the telephone, if a call home is requested the camper will be allowed to call at an appropriate time.

## **Why can't campers bring their cell phones to camp?\***

Camp is a great place to have a break from technology. Days at camp are very busy and technology can get in the way of creating meaningful experiences and developing new friendships. If your child regularly uses their cell phone for an alarm clock or camera, we recommend bringing a cheap camera and alarm clock instead.

*\*Please see camp specific information pages for policies on cell phones & electronic devices for Teen Week, Crew Camps, and LIT campers.*

## **How do I see photos of my camper?**

We take photos of what is going on during the week for all overnight camps and post them on a secure website. Please see our *Photos & Emails* page for details on how to access the photos.

## **What is a typical day like at our camp?**

Campers rotate throughout the day to the different activities relative to their camp session. Overnight campers participate in fun camp games & free time after dinner and finish the day with a fun and meaningful campfire.

## **How much time do campers spend with the horses?**

Each full day of camp, Discovery & Wrangler Crew Campers will ride for one activity period, Horse Lovers will ride for two activity periods, and Equestrians ride for three activity periods. Junior Campers will spend a period each day at the barn riding or taking part in horse care activities. Our specialty Boys Camp and Leadership Development camps (252 Crew, Program Crew, and LIT) do not feature daily riding, but they will have the opportunity to ride recreationally at least once during their camp session.

Discovery Camp offers trail or level riding programs, optional barn & tack care, and optional horse science classes. Horse Lovers & Equestrian Camps offer a level riding program. All other campers ride in a non-level recreational riding







## Photos & Emails

Dear Parents,

We are excited to offer one-way email and photo viewing services for our overnight camp programs! Please read the information to learn about how to access these programs.

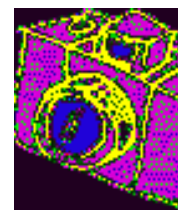
### Viewing Photos:

Step 1: Go to [www.circlesquareranch.smugmug.com](http://www.circlesquareranch.smugmug.com)

Step 2: Choose the "2020 Photos" album

Step 3: Choose the photo album for the week your child is at camp.

Step 4: You will then be prompted to enter a password in order to access the secure photos.



***Important:*** You will be given the password to view photos at drop off. If you forget the password, please contact our office. The password for the photo program will only be given to individuals listed on the camper's application for security reasons.

You can browse through the photos and even download as many as you would like for free! Love the pictures from camp? You can also order prints and merchandise at reasonable costs directly from the website. Please note that any online purchases will appear on your credit card statements as SmugMug.

We will do our best to post as many photos as we can. The first batch of photos from the week will be uploaded by Tuesday at lunch. You should expect to see two or three photos of your camper during the week, unless they are feeling camera shy! We think it is important for you to remember that while photos can be a great insight into what is generally happening at camp, a single snapshot should not be used as an assessment tool as to how your campers are doing.



**Sending One-Way Emails:** If you purchased an email package, you will be able to send up to 10 emails to your child during their week of camp. If you didn't order an email package yet, give us a call and we will add it to your account for the cost of \$10+ HST.

To send one-way emails to your camper, go to [www.csranchgrandriver.ca/emails](http://www.csranchgrandriver.ca/emails) and fill out an email form.

**If you have any questions about this service, please give us a call at 519-754-0171 or email us at [brantford@csranch.ca](mailto:brantford@csranch.ca)**



## TAKE ME TO CIRCLE SQUARE RANCH!

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**Please use Brant (not Brantford) as the city when using Google Maps or a GPS.**

### **From London, Sarnia, etc.**

- Take 401 East to 403 Brantford
- Follow 403 to Garden Ave. /Cainsville exit (last Brantford cut-off)
- At the stoplight, turn right onto Garden Ave. (south)
- Turn left onto Hwy # 2 (also called Colborne St. E.) (there is a 'Brooks Sign' store at this corner)
- Ranch is approximately 5km down on the right (south side), just past Langford Church Rd.
- Watch for the Circle Square Ranch sign, our highway number is 1645

### **From Hamilton, Mississauga, etc.**

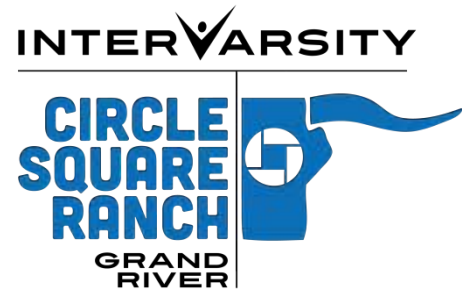
- Follow the QEW to 403 West (Hamilton/Brantford)
- Follow 403 West to Wilson St. exit (last Ancaster cut-off)
- At the stoplight, turn left onto Wilson St. (Wilson St. turns into Hwy # 2 / Colborne St. E.)
- Follow Wilson St. / Hwy # 2 for approx. 10 kms
- Ranch is on left (south side), just past White Swan Rd.
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### **From Cambridge, Kitchener, etc.**

- Take Hwy 24 south into Brantford
- In Brantford get on Hwy 403 East – Hamilton (this is a left-hand turn just after Fairview Drive)
- Follow 403 to Garden Ave. /Cainsville exit (last Brantford cut-off)
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## Policy for Camper Behaviour

### Our Goal:

To provide, to the best of our ability, an enjoyable camping experience for all campers in a safe and caring environment, which we will strive to achieve through clear expectations, awareness, prevention and community development. We value each camper's experience and expect each camper to interact in a positive way with other campers.

### Expectation for Staff:

Ensure campers are aware of expectations.

Provide supervision.

Provide tools to support camper and prevent bullying.

Create a safe environment for all campers to discuss situations that require staff assistance.

Communicate with campers if they are not following behaviour expectations and follow up with parents if required.

### Expectations for Campers:

Interact with others (staff and campers) in an appropriate manner.

Be redirectable if needed.

Respond to supervision in a manner that ensures their safety.

Understand and generally comply with camp policies regarding language, respecting other people, following the daily schedule, and following instructions of camp staff.

### Depending on the circumstances, these steps are used until the desired behaviour is achieved:

*Caution:* Communicate with camper that their behaviour is unacceptable.

*Redirect:* Help camper identify appropriate ways to interact with other campers.

*Relocate:* Either relocate the individual away from the area or move the other campers away from the camper who is not following the behaviour expectations. When the camper is able to follow the behaviour expectations they can return to their activity.

*Consultation:* Meeting between the camper and the Program Co-ordinator to discuss behaviour expectations with the camper, communicating the difficulties that have been observed/reported. Create a plan with the camper to follow behaviour expectations, and consequences if the difficulties continue.

*Contact with parent/guardian:* Circle Square Ranch personnel will contact the parent/guardian to explain the situation, ask for input for the camper's behaviour plan, and discuss options.

*Second contact to parent/guardian:* To arrange the removal of child from the program. If a camper has serious infraction of the behaviour policies, it may be necessary to pick them up immediately, without first and second contact.

In no instance will discipline at camp take the form of physical or psychological punishment. We will administer discipline appropriate to the ranch setting as outlined above.

*If you have any questions concerning InterVarsity Circle Square Ranch's Policy for Camper Behaviour, please call the Director at 519.754.0171.*