

Please check your camp receipt for your camp dates.

Most camps run from Monday-Friday, but some run Tuesday-Friday or Monday-Thursday.

ARRIVAL

Please plan to arrive at Circle Square Ranch on the first day of your camp between 8 and 8:30 am. 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. Sign in for the remainder of the week is from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

DEPARTURE

Pick up is from 5:00-5:15 pm. Early pick-ups need to be arranged with the Explore Day Camp Directors in advance to ensure your child is back at the Corral on time. Any medication, canteen return and a photo will be handed out on the last day.

MEALS

Lunch will be provided if a meal plan is purchased in advance. Otherwise, please send your camper with a nut-free lunch.

Explore Day Camp Menu (Weeks 1-8):

Monday - Tacos

Tuesday - Pizza

Wednesday - Meatball Subs & Veggie Tray

Thursday - Hotdogs & Carrot Sticks

Friday - Mac'n Cheese & Rolls

If you purchased a lunch for your camper and there is a day they won't like, please send a lunch for that day as we do not have alternatives available. We will have vegetarian options when notified in advance, however we will not have lactose free or gluten free options.

SNACKS & CANTEEN

All children should be sent with a nut-free morning snack. An afternoon snack can be ordered from our canteen or brought from home. Please see FAQ page for further canteen details.

ALLERGIES & DIETARY NEEDS

When notified in advance, we are able to provide a vegetarian alternative for campers who have purchased the meal plan. We are unable to provide lactose-free or gluten-free options for our Explore Day Camp. 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.

MEDICATION

All medication brought to camp must be kept with the camp nurse, including epipens and puffers. All medications must be in original package. If you want your camper to carry their puffer or epipen with them, please bring a second one to be checked in with the nurse.

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.

LOST & FOUND

Please label all of your camper's belongings. We do not assume responsibility for lost or damaged items. There will be a table in the Day Camp area where lost and found will be placed throughout the week. 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.

HORSEMANSHIP

Campers who have selected the Riding Add-On will horseback ride daily (weather permitting). The Explore Day Camp Horsemanship Program is intended for beginner riders. Skills at a walk and jog are taught to the ranchers as their age and ability allows. Advanced horsemanship is not available in our Explore Day Camp program.

WHAT TO BRING

**** Be sure your child's name is on all items ****

Day Campers will each have their own cubby to store the following items:

1. **Swimsuit, UV Swim Shirt and towel.** The Ranch lifeguards will have campers perform a swim test, and if necessary give them a PFD (life jacket) for the week.
2. We ask that campers wear a **t-shirt** rather than a tank top for added sun protection.
3. **Long pants and sturdy shoes** for riding (if Riding Add-on was purchased). Helmets will be provided. When choosing footwear for horsemanship activities please consider that occasionally children's feet are stepped on by a horse. Suitable footwear includes: hiking boots, sturdy running shoes, or riding boots. Please do not bring canvas shoes, crocs, or rubber boots for riding.
4. **Rain gear** if needed.
5. **Extra set of clothes** (please include a lightweight **long sleeved shirt** for nature hikes).
6. **Sunscreen, insect repellent and chapstick with SPF protection.** We will assume that your child has had sunscreen and insect repellent applied before drop off in the morning. We will reapply after lunch.
7. **Hat** for sun protection.
8. We encourage the campers to fill their **reusable water bottle** with water at meal times. Campers who do not have a reusable water bottle will be asked to purchase one in our store so they are able to take water with them to activities.
9. **Morning Snack** (everyone) and **lunch** (only if not pre-purchased)
10. **Canteen Money** (\$10-20/ week, to be handed in) (optional) or **afternoon snack**

Please do not bring cell phones, tablets, game consoles, iPods or other items of value. Campers should not carry money with them. All canteen money should be handed in at registration on **the first day of camp.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS SUMMER!

INTERVARSITY

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 !

DAY CAMP FAQs

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

What qualifications do the camp directors and leadership team have?

The Executive 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 ½ hour) that will focus on predetermined topics as laid out in the Circle Square Ranch general program. These are times of introduction to Christian values and beliefs presented through small and large group discussions, skits, songs and Bible study.

What is a typical day like at our camp?

Campers rotate throughout the day to the different activities relative to their camp session. They will participate in 4 daily activities, in addition to devotions and canteen time. As long as the weather co-operates, all campers swim daily.

What is canteen and how does it work?

The Canteen is a camp store that is open daily for Extreme Day Campers to independently purchase a snack or a souvenir. Parents of campers in our Explore Day Camp program can pre-order afternoon snacks from the canteen for their child. An order form will be emailed to Explore Day Camp parents 1-2 weeks before the camp session begins to give you time to think through your options.

The Canteen includes things such as chocolate bars, slushies, chips, candy, granola bars, yogurt, fruit and pop. If you'd prefer, you are welcome to send an afternoon snack from home as long as they are nut-free. Canteen money can be paid in advance when completing an online registration or it can be brought with you to camp on the first day. We suggest a weekly amount of \$10-\$20 for Day Campers. Any unspent money will be returned to your child on the last day of camp. The Canteen will also be open on sign-out day for your child to buy souvenirs.

How much time do campers spend with the horses?

Each day of camp, Extreme Day Campers spend one activity period riding recreationally. Campers registered for Week 9 Horse Lover's Day Camp will ride for 2 activity periods a day with the opportunity to advance through different levels of riding. Campers in our Explore Day Camp who have selected the horseback riding add-on will spend one activity period each day riding recreationally and taking part in horse care activities.

Do campers wear helmets when riding?

We provide approved riding helmets, which all campers are required to wear when riding. Campers may bring their own approved riding helmet, no bike helmets please.

What is the camper/staff ratio?

The overall camper to staff ratio is four to one. Two leaders are responsible for each travel group of 12- 16 kids and there are additional instructors at each activity that they attend. Trained leaders supervise all activities.

What about health and safety?

Safety is a primary concern. We strive to provide safe and enjoyable activities. There is a medical staff available 24 hours a day, and Leadership staff are trained in First Aid and CPR. We are 15 minutes away from a medical clinic and Brantford General Hospital.

How hot is too hot for normal activities to continue?

We take your child's health very seriously and at times we need to modify our program due to extreme heat. Horseback riding may need to be cancelled if the temperature and humidity for the day are too high. We will reassess if it is safe to resume normal programming on an hour by hour basis.

Can my child be picked up by a different person than the one who dropped them off?

Yes. At sign in, please record the names of the individuals who you permit to pick up your child. Day Camp staff may ask for identification prior to releasing campers.

Can my child be dropped off or picked up early?

The earliest drop off time is 8 a.m. If your child needs to be picked up before 5 p.m., please notify the Day Camp Director in advance so that your child will be brought back to the pick-up area on time.

***A Note to Parents:** It is our goal to create an experience for campers that is not only fun, but significant and meaningful. If you have any questions, please contact us at the ranch. We look forward to seeing you this summer.*

~ Steve & Andrea Richardson ~ Camp Directors

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Please find a copy of the *Conditions of Enrollment* and *Authorization for Treatment* below. We like to have a physical copy of your signature for the items you agreed to online. If you could print this form, and bring it with you to registration, it will help the registration process to be more efficient. We will have additional copies available at registration if required. Thank you.



CAMPER'S NAME: _____

CONDITIONS OF ENROLLMENT

1. The parents/guardians submitting this application are those having legal custody over the child. Conditions of custody, if applicable, will be fully communicated in writing to InterVarsity Circle Square Ranch, including a photocopy of the section of any court order referring to visitation rights.
2. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper who, in the Director's opinion, is a hazard to the safety and rights of others, or who appears to have rejected the reasonable controls of camp and/or whose behaviour is placing unacceptable constraints upon the staff and their responsibilities toward other campers. This may range from missing an activity to complete dismissal depending on the situation. In the instance that a camper is dismissed from camp for any reason, the parents/guardians are responsible for pick-up of the dismissed camper.
3. If the camper has any physical, emotional, developmental or behavioural need, particularly if it is a condition that would require special attention or exclude the camper from any camp activity, describe fully on the application or on a separate sheet of paper. InterVarsity Circle Square Ranch retains the right to dismiss any camper whose condition has not been disclosed during the application process.
4. I, the parent/guardian of the herein named participant, release Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada and InterVarsity Circle Square Ranch, its trustees, directors, corporation members, staff and agents from any loss, personal injury, accident, misfortune or damage to the herein named or his/her property, with the understanding that reasonable precautions shall be taken to ensure the health and safety of the herein-named camper. This release is for both while the camper is on site and any camp-related off-site trip/activity. Each camper must be covered by Provincial Health Insurance or equivalent medical insurance prior to arrival at camp and must extend throughout their entire time at camp.
5. The parent/guardian agrees to permit reasonable use of photos, videos or other pictures of the applicant camper in promoting InterVarsity Camps and/or camp activities and programs, and/or Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in general in printed and/or electronic media.
6. InterVarsity Circle Square Ranch encourages our staff to keep in contact with campers periodically throughout the year. I the parent/guardian permit such contact.
7. I give my permission for Inter-Varsity Circle Square Ranch to communicate camp information or registration opportunities to me electronically.
8. The parent/guardian hereby agree to reimburse Inter-Varsity Circle Square Ranch for any willful damages caused by the applicant camper.
9. The use or possession of alcohol, illicit drugs, or cigarettes by campers is strictly prohibited.
10. The parent/guardian agrees to be responsible for the payment of all fees due to the Camp by June 1, 2020. This registration is not complete until all fees are paid.
11. I have read and understand the *Conditions of Enrollment*, including the *Cancellation Policy* and *Camp Information* and hereby accept the conditions listed.

Date

Signature of parent / guardian

AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT

1. I hereby authorize the camp personnel to handle any medical problems with my child during his/her stay at camp.
2. In the event that a camper requires special medication, x-ray, or treatment beyond that which is possible at camp, we will attempt to notify the parents as soon as possible. The parent/guardian will be responsible for any additional expense for additional care or transportation.
3. In case of surgical emergency, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the camp director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child named on this application.
4. I will inform the camp if my child has had any changes in health, including any communicable disease within the three weeks prior to his/her stay at the camp.
5. InterVarsity Circle Square Ranch has my permission to contact my family doctor as necessary to ensure the best care for my child/ward.
6. I give permission to InterVarsity Circle Square Ranch to give the over the counter medications checked off in the medical form.

Date

Signature of parent / guardian

LICE

Please check your camper's hair for lice and nits before they come to camp.

A lice check is part of our registration process. Any camper found with lice or nits will be asked to do a full lice treatment and nit removal. Campers who have traveled a distance may access our laundry room facilities if needed. If it is determined that a camper has a case of lice that is resistant to treatment or too difficult to treat in a timely manner, they may be required to reschedule their week of camp based on availability.

Your camper's hair must be free from ALL nits and adult lice before they are able to stay at camp.

It is very important to us to do thorough lice checks, however we cannot guarantee that all cases of lice will be found.

Sorry, there are no exceptions or refund of camp fees due to lice. If you have any doubt whether your child has lice or not, please visit your doctor or a company that provides lice checks.

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.

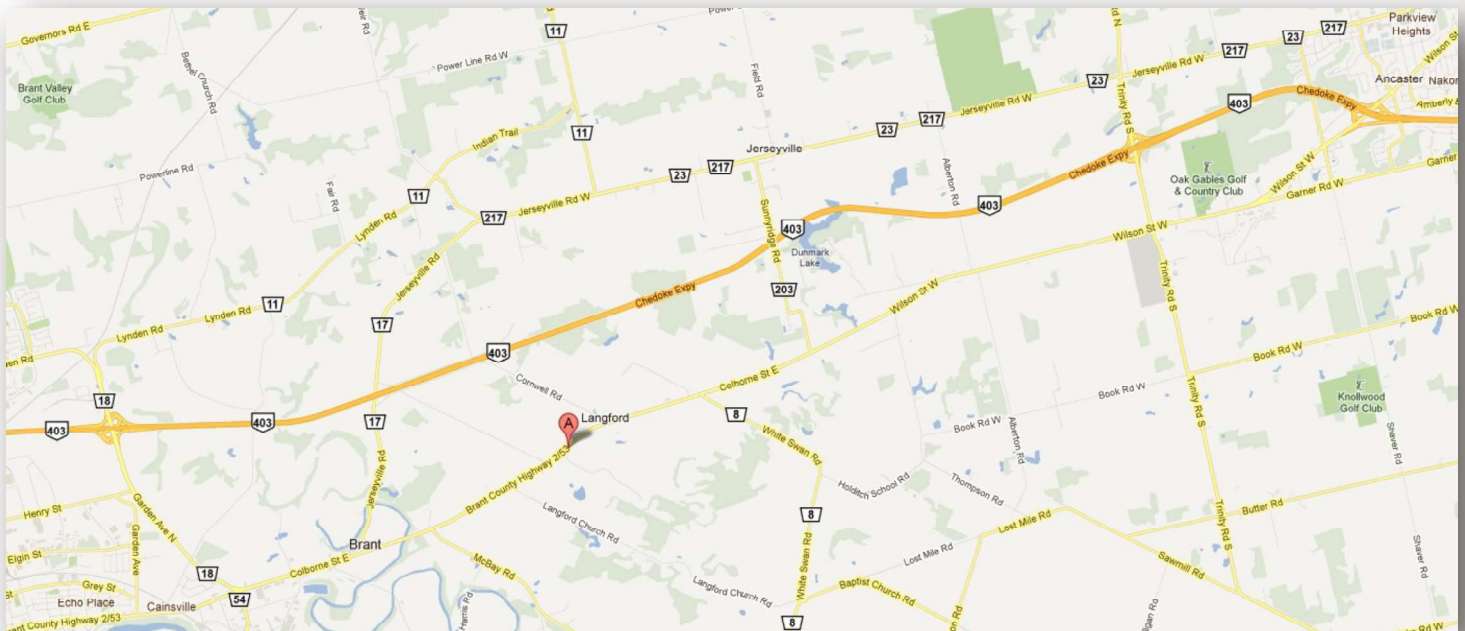
- Take 401 East to 403 Brantford
- Follow 403 to Garden Ave. /Cainsville exit (last Brantford cut-off)
- At the stoplight, turn right onto Garden Ave. (south)
- Turn left onto Hwy # 2 (also called Colborne St. E.) (there is a 'Brooks Sign' store at this corner)
- Ranch is approximately 5km down on the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

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.