

## Teen Week: Discovery & Horse Lovers 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.

### 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.

### CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Teen Week campers are not permitted to keep cell phones, iPods, and other electronic devices with them while at camp. While we do not recommend bringing anything valuable to camp as occasionally things do get lost, stolen, or broken, Teen Week campers will be given the option to hand in devices at registration to be stored during the week. These campers will be given 3 allotted times throughout the week to sign out their devices. Devices not checked in will be held in the office for the duration of the camper's session. We are not responsible for loss or damage.

### WHAT NOT TO BRING

Please do not bring anything valuable or sentimental to camp, including brand-name clothing, as occasionally things do get lost or broken. Absolutely no inappropriate reading materials, alcohol, drugs, or tobacco are permitted at the Ranch. We reserve the right to send home any camper who fails to cooperate.

### 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.

### DRESS CODE

We respectfully request that there be no short shorts, crop tops, low-cut shirts, spaghetti string tank tops, inappropriate slogans, visible undergarments or mid-drifts showing. For swimming, one piece or modest two piece swimsuits only, no bikinis. **We reserve the right to enforce this dress code.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS SUMMER!**





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# 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!





program. Wrangler Crew Campers will work alongside the horse staff for three to four hours daily and help with round-up, daily routines, and assist with lessons.

### **What is canteen and how does it work?**

The Canteen is a camp store that is open daily for campers to purchase a snack or a souvenir. It includes things such as chocolate bars, slushies, chips, candy, granola bars, yogurt, fruit and pop. If you'd prefer, you are welcome to send nut-free snacks from home. Canteen money can be paid in advance when completing an online registration or can be brought with you on registration day. Any unspent money will be returned to your child on the last day of camp. The Canteen will also be open on registration and sign-out day for your child to buy souvenirs.

### **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. A wagon or cabin of 6-9 campers has a cabin leader and, if space permits, a co-leader. Two leaders are responsible for each travel group of 16 and there are additional instructors at each activity that they attend. Trained leaders supervise all activities.

### **Where do campers sleep?**

The campers sleep in our lodge, covered wagons, or in cabins that sleep 8-14. Campers will always have at least one counselor stay in the cabin/ wagon with them overnight. All accommodations have mattresses and electricity. Campers attending in August are encouraged to bring extra blankets due to cooler weather.

### **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.

### **What do we do when temperatures get too high?**

We take your child's health very seriously and at times we need to modify our program due to extreme heat. On days with higher temperatures, we add in additional water activities, space to cool down, and extra hydration breaks. 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. We understand it is disappointing to miss a scheduled riding time but we may not be able to reschedule it during the week.

***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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## 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.

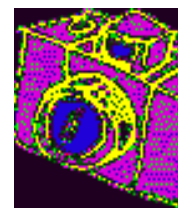
### Viewing Photos:

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.**

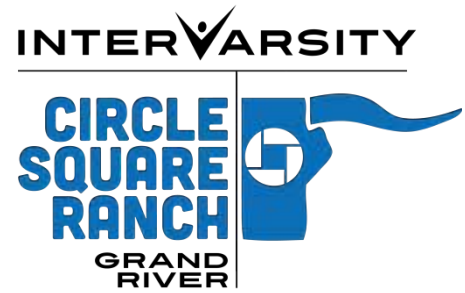
- Follow the QEW to 403 West (Hamilton/Brantford)
- Follow 403 West to Wilson St. exit (last Ancaster cut-off)
- At the stoplight, turn left onto Wilson St. (Wilson St. turns into Hwy # 2 / Colborne St. E.)
- Follow Wilson St. / Hwy # 2 for approx. 10 kms
- Ranch is on left (south side), just past White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