



Ranch Rangers Attendee Information Packet

Dear Families,

Thank you for your interest in our Ranch Rangers program. We are very excited to bring this event to you and hope that you'll have as much fun participating in it as we have had in planning it for you! Below you will find information about what exactly you can expect from a Ranch Rangers day, a short list of things to keep in mind, and a few items you may want to bring along with you.

Our Location

Please make sure and use the address "342 McGinnis Rd, Tallapoosa, GA 30176" in your navigation system. This is the Luther Ranch Equestrian Program entrance. If you simply type in "Luther Ranch" it will take you to the opposite side of the property where our retreat center is located.

What to Expect Upon Arrival

Once you pass through the entrance gate, take an immediate left and follow the signs to the Horse Barn. Park near the barn and check-in at the office. We will give you some additional information and direct you to your trail to begin!

We believe there is no such thing as bad weather, therefore, this is a Rain or Shine event. In the rare case of "unhikeable" weather, our Plan B is holding activities in our large, covered horse arena. Please check the weather before you come and dress accordingly.

We provide snacks and bottled water to participants. Typically we will have trail mix and a fruit option available. Occasionally we will break out the s'mores stuff or another fun themed snack!

COVID Information

We have hand sanitizing stations available and ask that you be mindful of social distancing when crossing paths with other families. We are following current CDC guidelines as well as following the suggestions of the American Camp Association to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Items to Bring/Wear

- Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots
- Camera!
- Sunscreen
- Hat and Sunglasses
- Bug spray
- Backpack (to carry your supplies and snacks)

- Rain Jacket/Rubber Boots
- Baby Carrier (if you have smaller children since most trails are not suitable for strollers).

Most hikes are around 20-30 minutes and most toddlers can handle them without much assistance. Last season's parents reported that their 2 and 3-year-olds were pleasantly tired by the end!

How the Program Works

You will arrive and check-in with a staff member at the barn. If you have not already done so online, you will sign our liability waivers and pay the registration fee. We also have t-shirts and other items from our camp store available for purchase.

We will point you to your trail and show you which trail markers to look for. Along the way, simply follow the prompts on the signs set out for you. This is where you and your children can let out your creative and adventurous sides! We will prepare you with a parent email before each session that will tell you the theme of the day and give you some tips and ideas of open-ended questions designed to peak your child's interest and help them get the most out of these learning-through-play opportunities.

Along the trail will also be a snack station and a craft station where supplies will be set out and labeled for your family to enjoy. Most families complete the hike and all activities in about an hour or hour and a half.

Once you have finished your adventure...simply check-out with one of our staff and you're all set to go!

Additional Questions

Still have questions about the Ranch Rangers program or what to expect? Please contact Gretchen Ahrens, Lutheranch Program Director, at gahrens@novusway.org or 404-583-4591.

We look forward to seeing you at Lutheranch!

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