

# OUTLAW RANCH - 2008

## Information for Campers and Parents

**Outlaw Ranch** will be a special week for all campers. This Christian camping program is situated in the southern Black Hills between the city of Custer and Custer State Park in a Ponderosa pine forest. Outlaw offers many opportunities for spiritual growth through our programs of devotions, morning worship, small-group Bible study time and evening campfires. It is a great place to make new friends, have fun and live in a Christian community of faith.

Please read this information carefully so that you will know what to expect for your week at camp!

**Arrival Time:** Registration is between 3:00 and 4:00 pm (Mountain Daylight Time) on Sunday. Due to other groups in camp please do not arrive before 3:00.

**Departure Time** is between 11:00 and 12:00 noon on Friday.

### Payment of Fees/Refund Policy

Fees are to be paid two full weeks in advance. If paying individually - please use the enclosed payment return card. If paying through your church group, please do as your pastor/youth director asks. **Do not bring payments to camp!!**

### Payments should be sent to:

Lutherans Outdoors in SD  
2001 S Summit Ave  
Sioux Falls SD 57197

Please notify us immediately if you cannot attend. There may be people on a waiting list to get into camp! The \$75 deposit is not refundable, but is transferrable to another camper going from your church group.

There is a \$25 charge if camp office is not notified of someone not coming within 2 weeks of their scheduled date.

**Housing** - Campers will stay in the cabins. Cabins have electricity and heat. A nearby shower house has toilet and shower facilities. Adult advisors will stay in the lodge as space is available.

**Meals** - are served in the dining hall or outside at the picnic tables. We have a reputation for providing good food. If you have special dietary concerns, please notify us ,by phone 605-673-4040, before hand to help plan for your stay.

**Daily Schedule/Staff** - Our staff includes 30 college-age or older people who serve as counselors, cooks, program director and wranglers. Counselors will lead the campers through the day from morning devotions to meals, to worship and Bible study, to recreational activities and through lots of fun skits and campfires in the evening. Activities include horseback trail rides, hiking, arts & crafts, games, canoeing and an overnight campout for 5th grade and older children.

**Advisors, pastors, youth directors and parents** are welcome partners with the staff at Outlaw. We welcome your energy, creativity and assistance. Please share with the staff your hopes and goals for your group's experience so we may work together to make this a rewarding experience for all.

**Insurance Info** - Lutherans Outdoors carries a minimal insurance policy for accidents and illness incurred at camp. Our policy assumes the camper's insurance will be the primary coverage. If we must take someone to the doctor for treatment, the clinic will first file a claim with the camper's insurer. If there is no insurance, or if the camper's policy will not pay for this accident or illness, our insurance will cover the costs up to \$2,000 for an accident and \$200 for an illness. Personal property is not covered by camp insurance and any claims for loss or theft will need to be submitted to your personal homeowners/renters insurance company.



**Be sure to bring your Health Form with you to camp!!**

## THE PACKING LIST

- **Sleeping bag** (good for 30 degrees), **pillow** securely rolled and packed in waterproof stuff-sack.
- **Two pairs of sturdy shoes**
- **Plenty of socks**
- **Warm jacket**
- **Camping clothes** for warm days and cool nights (no halters, shoulders must be covered due to UV exposure at high altitude)
- **Towel and personal toiletries**
- **Denim jeans and sturdy shoes** for horse riding\*
- **Raingear** - the program continues, rain or shine!
- **Bible, notebook, pen**
- **Flashlight; Camera/film**
- **Cap, hat or bandanas** for sun protection
- **Medications** if needed, **sunscreen, inhalers, etc.** (Please send prescriptions in original bottle with doctor's directions on label.)
- **Your health form**

**PERSONAL BELONGINGS** should be labeled to help identify items in the lost and found and get them returned to you.

**DO NOT** bring food, electronic devices (i.e. walkmans, radios), cell phones, knives, fireworks, weapons, pets, illegal substances (alcohol, drugs, cigarettes), tons of toiletries or other unnecessary or dangerous items.

**The Canteen** is open each afternoon. You may purchase sweatshirts, t-shirts, snacks etc. Clothing prices range from \$10 - \$40. You also can purchase clothing at the online campstore.

\* **Horseback Riding** requires everyone to wear long pants and sturdy shoes or boots. Cowboy boots work best, however any sturdy closed-toed shoe with a 1/2" heel will work. Sandals, fabric shoes, or other soft-bodied shoes are not suitable for horse riding.

Adults and most children aged 9 and above will go on a trail ride. Smaller children and those aged 8 and under will go on a pony ride (child alone on saddle, led by staff).

**Swimming is not available at Outlaw.** However, you might want to try fishing or canoeing at Bismarck Lake.

Campers will not have use of a phone during the week of camp. Please do not ask them to call home during the week unless there are special circumstances and you have sent along a note to the Program Director. Feel free to call ahead and talk to the Program Director if you have concerns.

**DO NOT BRING A CELL PHONE TO CAMP!**

## Directions to Outlaw Ranch:

**Outlaw Ranch is located in the Black Hills east of Custer.**

**From Rapid City:** Follow Highway 16 south through Hill City to Custer. In Custer turn left (east) at the stoplight at the bottom of the hill. Take Highway 16a east 3 miles. Turn left (north) at the "Outlaw Ranch" sign, follow curve on narrow oil road which then turns into a gravel road. Continue on curving gravel road for 1 1/4 miles. Turn right at our sign and mailbox and follow our driveway into the Ranch.

Outlaw Ranch is about 400 miles from Sioux Falls. It takes 6-7 hours driving time from Sioux Falls and remember it is Mountain Time in the Hills!

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**Offering** - Each week we take an offering at camp at our closing worship. This year the offerings will go to the Pine Ridge Retreat Center and Habitat for Humanity.

**Other questions and concerns?** Contact Cheryl Lundeen at (605) 274-5326 for information about scheduling and registration. Contact Jeff Rohr at Outlaw Ranch (605- 673-4040 or [jeff@losd.org](mailto:jeff@losd.org)) for questions about programming and facilities.

### Address for Outlaw Ranch:

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12703 Outlaw Ranch Rd  
Custer SD 57730**

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