

Circle V Ranch Camp Goals and Outcomes

Introduction

Circle V Ranch Camp is a traditional summer camp with activities such as hiking, swimming, nature exploration, archery, drumming, painting, sports, campfires, skits, singing, and much more. Programs are designed for each camper to safely participate in innovative and enriching outdoor experiences that build self-esteem, expand knowledge and appreciation of others, nature and God. The following policies have been created to ensure these goals are met. These policies are designed to comply with the American Camp Association accreditation standards.

Camp Goals and Outcomes

1. To help provide opportunities that stimulates the development of each camper's self-esteem.
 - a. Each camper will select his own activity during activity period.
 - b. Each camper will participate in at least one activity to promote self-esteem, which could include arts & crafts, sports, hikes, nature exploration, skit night, drumming, swimming, painting, or special activities.
 - c. Campers will participate in getting-to-know-you games during the first 24 hours of camp.
 - d. Staff will provide the campers with positive comments and encouragement throughout their stay.
 - e. Staff will share positive affirmations with each camper at the end of the week.
2. To help each camper appreciate the natural surroundings and take an active role in the stewardship of our environment.
 - a. Each camper will participate in at least one nature activity while at camp.
 - b. Each camper will attend at least one campfire during their stay.
 - c. Each camper will have the opportunity to participate in more than one nature activity, which could include one of the following: hiking, environmental activities, or other appropriate activity.
 - d. At the beginning of each session, the campers will discuss as a group the importance of taking care of their camp and the type of things that they need to do such as picking up litter, staying on trails, not picking flowers, staying away from poison oak, respecting property, and conserving water.
 - e. Each outfit will be encouraged to perform a service project at camp to help the environment such as picking up litter and recycling.
3. To provide situations for each camper to set goals and challenge themselves while discovering his or her own skills and abilities.

- a. Each camper will participate in at least two activities during the week that will personally challenge the camper - such as hiking, outdoor living skills, skit night, arts and crafts, sports, or team building.
 - b. Campers will have the opportunity to work in small groups during meal times as they clean up after the meal as a group with each camper taking on different roles.
 - c. Campers will learn at least one new skill while at camp.
4. To allow each child to experience group living.
- a. Each camper will participate in at least one outfit (cabin group) ranch improvement (camp chore) or job before and after meals.
 - b. Each camper will live in a group with other campers either in cabins or tents. Within these groups, campers will be part of a community - making decisions and keeping the area clean.
 - c. Each camper will participate in a democratic decision-making process in each outfit.
 - d. Each session of camp will have at least one-camp activity that campers will assist in planning.
 - e. Campers will participate in meals served family style and will be assigned to sit with campers from different outfits.

Training for Goals

1. During staff training and throughout the summer counselors review various methods to achieve the desired outcomes and goals.
2. Parents are sent these goals as part of the Camp Policy upon registration. Counselors educate campers on the goals of camp.
3. Counselors check on the well-being of each camper in their outfit throughout the day.
4. Our specialty staff are seasoned staff members that are well trained.
5. The Camp Director has been working in the camp profession for over 20 years. One of the director's main duties is to design a program filled with opportunities for children to have fun and to provide a high quality camp experience.
6. These goals are written in specific behavioral objectives that address the physical, social, and well-being of campers.
7. Evaluations on progress are performed as often as necessary.

Evaluation of Camp Programs

1. At the end of the summer a review of all the goals and results is performed. A summary report is compiled and discussed with staff.
2. The results of this meeting will suggest which programs/goals were more successful and which goals should be included in future summers.

Parent Involvement/Permission

1. A flyer with our activities and theme for the week is sent in the registration packet and is also available on our website. Parents may choose to have their child not participate in individual activities and should notify the Camp Director.
2. On our registration form, the parents also allow their child's photographs to be used in marketing and advertising as well as posted online on our website unless otherwise noted.
3. We keep the parents advised of our activities through weekly Facebook posts.
4. Parents are able to contact the director at all times using the number that is provided to the parents on the registration confirmation letter.