

***Iron Horse Country Ranch – 2012 Camp Policy Statement***  
***of***  
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**Philosophy/Mission Statement**

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC's Camp was created to give children and their families a better exciting outdoor environment that was safe to explore and to encourage that exploration through the use of motorcycles. The use of dirt bike motorcycles and animals on our ranch has engaged people with nature. We encourage families and their children to connect with each other through their shared experiences and memories created at the ranch.

**Background/Qualifications**

Iron Horse Country Ranch and Summer Camp was established it in 2006 by the owner and family for the enjoyment of families and kids to ride motorcycles. Through many years as a hobby , riding has turned into their passion to keep the dream alive for kids to have a place to ride. They have experience in the farming and ranching business and have blended that with the riding to create a great camp for riding . They have also been in the business of Child Care & Montessori Schools for 30 years. The owner attended the University of Texas, and started his own computer company which has helped build the summer camp. The ranch was started in 2006 and has grown into one of the only motorcycle camps in the country for kids. The owner and family have ridden motorcycles for the past 40 years and ”we have watched our kids and friends grow up on the ranch and would like to pass on the great experiences to others.” The motorcycles have really been the key to getting kids to have fun outside. Starting the camp years ago, we got more formal training with teaching through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation certified Instructor program from Honda’s Training Center. We have put hundreds of riders through our program to date without any serious injuries. We have refined our equipment and motorcycles. Continually updating our training program to improve it and make it easier for kids and parents to ride safely. We have become the only successful camp in Texas or the U.S for riding because we have found the right way to manage riders, equipment and terrain to minimize the risk of injury in our unique summer camp program.”

Certifications for Safety from American Red Cross Safety organization, Certified Life Guard and Parental and child safety organizations.

All of our staff is specially trained in our program of motorcycle education for children riders combined with a low ratio of staff to riders. Your child’s safety is our main concern.

**Age and Number of Children Accepted**

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will care for a maximum of 25 children per session. This number is based on the bus capacity and employees per the ratio and training area we would like

to provide for the campers.

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC provides camp services for children between the ages of 8 and 15 years.

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC strictly complies with Texas Department of State Health Service for Youth Camps.

### **Hours of Operation**

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will accept children from 7:45am to 5:00pm, Monday - Friday.

### **Fees**

Camp fees are strictly based on the session contracted for services. Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will not adjust camp fees for late arrival, early pickup, or missed days.

#### *Fees for each Week Session Summer 2011:*

Summer Sessions , are weekly day camps from Monday - Friday ( \$525.00 per session prices may change).

#### *Registration Fee:*

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC charges \$85.00 per child as an initial registration fee. This fee is part of the total session fee – (If \$525.00 fee , a balance of \$ 440.00 will be due 30 days before session start date). The registration fee covers administration cost and reserving your camper's place in a session. The registration fee is not refundable. Exception if a request is given within 30 days of session start date by mail or email [info@ironhorsecountry.com](mailto:info@ironhorsecountry.com) then it is fully refunded.

#### *Payment Information:*

Parents must pay camp fees on or before the 1st day of each session. Payments may be made by check, cash, or credit card. Credit cards which will be accepted are: Discover, Master Card, or Visa. If fees are not paid within 1st day of their session start date, the child will not be allowed to attend the facility until all amounts due are received in full.

#### *Returned Check Fee:*

The parent must pay a \$30.00 fee for all checks returned unpaid. If a check is returned unpaid, all future payments by the parent must be made in cash.

#### *Overtime Fees:*

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will charge an overtime fee of \$1.00 per minute if a child is not picked up by the scheduled time. If a child is not picked up within 5 minutes of the scheduled time, the per minute late fee will start accruing from the scheduled pickup time. This overtime fee must be paid when the parent picks up the child. This fee will only be charged by the discretion of the driver. Other parents are waiting for their children and the driver has other

engagements to meet. Please call the camp ahead of time, if you know there is going to be a conflict.

#### *Collection Fees:*

If any payment obligation is not paid when due, the parent is responsible for paying all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney fees, whether or not a lawsuit is started as part of the collection process.

#### **Termination of Camp Services**

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC retains the right to terminate a child's enrollment without notice for the following reasons:

- A child's behavior is destructive, uncontrollable, violent, or threatening to the other children or providers at the care facility. This determination is made at the sole discretion of the Provider.
- A parent's behavior is threatening or abusive to the other children or providers at the care facility.
- Camp fees are not paid in full or delinquent.
- Child does not demonstrate the ability to handle a motorcycle in a safe manner. Children must be able to ride a bicycle with full confidence before coming to the Iron Horse Country Ranch - camp

All terminations of this type can be made effective immediately.

#### **Holidays, Vacations, Miscellaneous Closings**

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will not provide camp services on the following federal holiday: 4th of July, but no others. The child care fees will not be adjusted for the holidays during which Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC is closed.

The parent is responsible for arranging for alternate child care for closings for emergency reasons. The child care fees will be reduced proportionately for the days during which Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC is closed.

#### **Program Activities**

A child should not bring toys or electronics from home. Toy weapons, such as guns or knives, are absolutely prohibited. Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC is not responsible for lost or broken toys or electronics brought from home.

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will post a weekly session activity chart, which will detail the activities for the session.

The parent must sign a general release authorizing Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC to engage in the activities of the ranch which include but not limited to dirt motorcycle riding and animal interactions with the child.

## **Meals**

Meal times are as follows:

Mid-morning snack: 10:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m.

Mid-afternoon snack: 3:00 p.m.

Snacks will be served by Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC.

### **Sack Lunches must be provided by parents**

Parents should inform Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC of their child's favorite snacks. Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC may incorporate these foods into its snack menu.

Parents are to notify Iron Horse Country Ranch staff of any allergies -food or other health concerns on Registration form.

## **Supplies**

The parent is responsible for providing the following items to Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC for the benefit of the child whenever reasonably requested by Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC: Sack lunch, extra pair of clothes (pants for dirt bike riding and shorts for extra pants), socks, shoes that cover the ankle (hiking boots), bathing suit, towel, sandals and sunscreen.

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will be responsible for providing the following items: Food and drink for snacks only, all dirt bike motorcycles, safety gear, lockers to store personal belongings, personal hygiene items such as soap and hand towels. If your child has special needs please advise us in writing or furnish those items.

## **Medical Care Information**

The parent must provide Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC with updated medical information regarding his or her child, such as information regarding the child's medical problems, immunizations, allergies, regular medications, physical handicaps, or restrictions on the child's physical activities. Information should also be provided as to whether the child has had measles, chicken pox, mumps, whooping cough, or any other contagious disease. This information should be provided to Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC on registration form prior to the child's first day of camp.

If a child becomes ill, Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will first try to reach the parent. If the parent cannot be reached, Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC may contact the child's physician.

In case of a medical emergency, Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will obtain the necessary emergency medical care for the child, including but not limited to transportation to an emergency room. The parent will be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with any medical care provided to the child, including the cost of transportation. Iron Horse Country

Ranch LLC does not cover medical cost or provide accident insurance.

### **Sick Child Policy**

The goal of Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC is to keep both the children and the camp workers healthy. Therefore, if a child exhibits any of the symptoms listed below, the child will not be allowed to attend the child care facility until the symptoms are no longer present or unless the parent has obtained a statement from the child's doctor that the child is not contagious. The final decision as to whether a child will be admitted to the child care facility will be made in the sole discretion of the director.

This policy applies to the following symptoms:

- a. Fever of 100 degrees F or higher
- b. Irregular breathing
- c. Vomiting
- d. Persistent and/or excessive crying
- e. Child is not feeling well enough to participate in activities

If a child exhibits any of these symptoms while present at the camp, the parent will be notified and must immediately remove the child. The child may be isolated from the other children at the camp facility until the parent arrives.

The parent is expected to inform Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC of any illness or problem of a child that might affect other children at the camp.

The parent is responsible to arrange for alternate care if the child is sick or is otherwise unable to attend the camp. Camp fees will not be adjusted for the days that a sick child does not attend the camp.

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will administer prescription and over-the-counter medication to a sick child. The parent must complete a medication consent form listing the type of medication, the dosage, the time of day it should be administered, and any side effects or special instructions. All medications must be in the original container with the child's name on it.

### **Emergencies**

In case of an emergency, Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will first try to reach the parent. If the parent cannot be reached, Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will then contact the child's emergency contact person(s) as listed on the Registration form.

It is unavoidable that children will incur scratches and scrapes while playing or riding motorcycles. These minor injuries will be treated by Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC staff with antiseptic and a bandage. Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC staff will inform the parent of the minor injury and the treatment provided.

### **Discipline**

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will explain the rules of the camp to all children under its care, as appropriate. When a child understands the rules but chooses not to follow the rules, then Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC may discipline the child using age-appropriate techniques, which consist of the following: Expectations and consequences will be discussed with campers. Campers learn what is expected of them, what the instructor's limits are, and the consequences for their actions, thereby reducing behavior problems in the camp.

System of consequences:

A) Verbal warning

B) Time out from activities (5 minute, 10 min., 15 min.)

C) Call to parent

E) Conference with the parent and camper

F) Loss of the privilege to come to camp. If necessary, Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will discuss other options with the parent.

There is no refund if child has to be dismissed from camp due to bad behavior.

### **Pickup of a Child**

To ensure the safety of the children attending the child care facility, Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC has established the following procedures for the pickup of a child from its facility: All persons picking up child must be on Registration form or child must be sent with note from parent of person to pickup child that day.

The parent must inform Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC in advance if someone other than the parent will pick up the child. If the parent has not provided Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC with such information, the child will not be released to the individual(s), and the parent will be notified.

### **Parent Participation**

Parents are welcome to visit the camp at any time during which service is provided and watch any of the activities. Communication between parents and our staff is important in maintaining a high quality camp. All comments and suggestions regarding services are welcome.

### **Future Enrollment**

Payment of the session fee will hold a child's spot open. Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will not hold a child's spot open unless the parent has signed the Registration Form and Release Form contracts, completed all required forms, and paid the session fee. Fees will be refunded with 30 day notice of cancellation to session start date unless otherwise noted. After that a \$85.00 cancellation fee applies and the balance will be refunded. Once session starts no refunds after 1st day of session.

### **Iron Horse Country Ranch - Camp Registration Form and Release Form**

The parent must review and sign the Registration form and Release form prior to the child's first day of care and payment.

**Child Abuse and Neglect**

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC will carry out its obligation to report all suspected cases of child abuse and/or neglect to the proper authorities.

**Child Care Regulations**

Iron Horse Country Ranch LLC operates in full compliance with all Texas and local youth camp regulations.

**By enrolling your child in our camp, you agree to the above policies of our camp.**