

MIRACLE RANCH DAY CAMP

About Miracle Ranch Miracle Ranch has been in operation for over 30 years as a **Family Recreation Center**. It offers a variety of programs year-round in the beautiful sand hills of the Birds Hill area northeast of Winnipeg, a 25-minute drive from downtown Winnipeg. Our facilities include a large indoor arena, stables, outdoor arena, program rooms, public washrooms, a picnic site, recreation space and riding trails. Safety is always a priority at Miracle Ranch. Staff are certified, horses are trained and well looked after and guests are given an orientation, asked to wear helmets and sign a waiver form before mounting their horses. All riding is under supervision. Miracle Ranch carries a guest insurance policy.

Location

Miracle Ranch is located on Lorne Hill Road, ½ mile south of Garven Road (Hwy 213). Garven Road meets Lagimodiere 2 km north of the floodway. Follow the Miracle Ranch signs located at the corner of Lagimodiere and Garven.

Horsemanship Program

Our horses are carefully selected and trained to respond to the rider with respect and submission. In our program, we train riders to understand, care for, and control the horse for their pleasure and safety. The instructional program has various levels and includes groundwork, instructional riding, theory and recreational riding. Instruction is given in groups and campers are grouped according to their riding abilities. Campers have a choice of Western or English instruction. A certificate is granted upon successful completion of the program.

Miracle Ranch Day Camp - Who Should Come Miracle Ranch Day Camp is for children and youth **ages 8 to 14** who love horses and want to improve their horsemanship skills. It is also for people who place a high value on their relationship with God and man and want to take advantage of this opportunity to develop skills, attitudes and values to nurture these relationships. The program is designed for campers who function at their normal age level and can participate fully in all activities in a group setting.

Purpose

Our purpose at Miracle Ranch Day Camp is to inspire the campers to excel in horsemanship, to develop wholesome relationships with their peers and superiors and to put their hope and faith in the God who created them. Our goal is to make Miracle Ranch Day Camp a fun experience that will linger in the campers' memories long after the camp is over.

Camp Directors - Dave & Elfrieda Loewen

The Loewens have directed camps for 40 years, 30 at Camp Arnes, Manitoba and, more recently, in the former Soviet Union. They are in touch with youth and understand their transition from childhood to adulthood. They view the camp experience as a vital step in helping to shape the values and characters of youth for developing wholesome relationships with God and man.

Horsemanship Director - Phyllis Shaw

Phyllis has been part of Miracle Ranch for 30 years. Through her skill with horses and her love for people, she has won the trust and confidence of the thousands of guests who visit Miracle Ranch annually. Phyllis has the reputation of being one of western Canada's finest horsemanship instructors.

Camp Counselors

The counselors at Miracle Ranch Day Camp are young adults committed to Biblical principles and Christian values. They display a love and understanding for youth and are trained in camp leadership. They love life and are eager to share their joy of living with their campers.

Horsemanship Instructors All instructors have their **CHA** (Certified Horsemanship Association) certificate. They are experienced, well liked instructors and ranch hands. They are friendly, demonstrate good people skills and are effective in building confidence in their students. They help the riders develop and enjoy good horsemanship skills.

MIRACLE RANCH DAY CAMP DAILY SCHEDULE

8:30 – 8:50 Arrival at Miracle Ranch
9:00 Daily Program Orientation
9:30 – 12:30 Horsemanship Lessons
12:30 Lunch, Relaxation
1:15 Bible Study
2:00 – 5:00 Recreation – Trail Rides, Crafts,
Tetherball, Beach Volleyball, Trampoline, Group
games
5:00 Group Time
5:30 Departure

Special Events

Parents and siblings are invited to a Ranch Bar-B-Que at 6:00 p.m. on the last day of their camp. Campers will perform on horseback demonstrating their skills to their parents. Parents will be caught up in the spirit of Miracle Ranch Day Camp as they experience a few hours of Day Camp with their children.

What Campers Need

Jeans, jacket, shorts, cap, bag lunch, ice-cream & pop money, good gym shoes (riding boots optional), Bible, pen – all in a backpack. Helmets will be provided. **What campers do not need:** radio, walkman, electronic games or toys, valuables requiring security.

Day Camp Dates and Fees

Week One – Monday to Friday, June 30 – July 4, 2008, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; ages 9-14
BBQ on July 4th

Week Two – Monday to Friday, July 7 – 11, 2008, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; ages 8-13
BBQ on July 8th

Campers are expected to be dropped off and picked up punctually. If parents encounter difficulty with punctuality at arrival or departure, please notify Miracle Ranch Day Camp promptly. Call 204-224-1180.

Day Camp Fee: \$375. plus 5% GST. A \$100 deposit is required with the application. In the event of cancellation, 80% will be refunded upon receiving a medical statement in writing from the doctor stating your child is not fit for Day Camp. The balance of \$275. plus GST(\$18.75) for a total of \$293.75 is due June 20. There is no refund after the beginning of camp or for missed days.

Ranch Bar-B-Que Fee - \$6.00/person Day Campers and children two and under – no charge.

The fee includes all horsemanship instruction, riding and Day Camp activities, craft supplies, Miracle Ranch T-shirt, Horsemanship Certificate and the Bar-B-Que for the campers.

Payment accepted by Visa, MasterCard, or cash. Make cheques payable to Miracle Ranch.

MIRACLE RANCH 2008 DAY CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Camper's Name _____ M ___ F ___ Street
Address _____ City _____ Postal
Code _____ Man. Health Med.# _____

Birthdate d/m/y _____ Grade in September 2008 _____

Week(s) you wish to attend ___ June 30 – July 4; ___ July 7 – 11

Mother/Guardian's name _____

Home tel _____ work tel _____

Father/Guardian's name _____

Home tel _____ work tel _____ Tele. to call in the
event that parent assistance is required _____

Parent e-mail address: _____

Church family attends _____

Does the camper have any allergies? _____ Or health precautions? _____ Describe

Our Day Camp activities are designed for campers who can function in a group without requiring one-on-one care. Can camper function in a group without special care? Yes ___; No ___; Explain

May camper participate in all camp activities? _____

Describe camper's experience with horses _____

Check first choice of Horsemanship Program you wish to enroll in ___Western; ___ English

What goals do you wish your child to achieve at Miracle Ranch Day Camp? _____

Permission

I, the undersigned, herewith grant my permission for the full participation of the above named child in all regular Miracle Ranch Day Camp activities.

Signed _____ Date _____
(parents/guardians who have legal custody)

Please enclose \$100. deposit payable to Miracle Ranch and send to:

Miracle Ranch Box 12 Group 540 RR5 Winnipeg MB R2C 2Z2

Balance of \$275 + GST(\$18.75) for a total of \$293.75 is due June 20.

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March 2008

Dear Parents,

Most children cannot wait for summer camp, especially if it is a Horsemanship Camp at Miracle Ranch. That is why the team at Miracle Ranch is busy preparing our Day Camp.

We invite you to send your child(ren) for one or more of the following dates:

First Week – June 30 – July 4 – ages 9-14

Second Week – July 7 – July 11 – ages 8-13

Here is an excerpt from a letter we received from a parent after last summer's camp:

"It was our child's first experience at a summer camp of any kind, and it was truly an enjoyable one for her. Our daughter is a pretty quiet kid, and rarely expresses herself, but the minute I picked her up from camp she couldn't contain her excitement. She was eager to learn her Bible verses, and discuss them with us nightly. She couldn't wait to go to sleep at night, so she could return to camp the following day. She was truly another child. She not only enjoyed the camp itself, but all of the other children, as well as all the camp counselors and instructors. The BBQ was the highlight of the camp for us. It enabled us to share in her excitement and witness all the fun they had had during their week."

The enclosed information describes the Day Camp. If you have questions or concerns not addressed in this package, please give us a call. Your comfort and confidence is important to us. If you wish to make a reservation for your child, please complete the enclosed application and return it to Miracle Ranch soon.

Feel free to make a copy of this package to pass on to friends or acquaintances at work. Your child may wish to share the excitement of Miracle Ranch Day Camp with friends.

We are pleased to offer our Day Camp to your family and will do our best to give your child a safe and exhilarating experience that will make valuable and lasting memories. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Dave & Elfrieda Loewen, Camp Directors, 204-222-0344

Phyllis Shaw, Horsemanship Director, 204-224-1180

*****SEPARATE FORM PER PERSON IS REQUIRED*****

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, RELEASE OF INTEREST, WAIVER OF CLAIM, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE.
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

To: Phyllis Howe o/a Miracle Ranch
(referred to in this agreement as the "Provider")

AND TO: ALL PROPERTY OWNERS (PRIVATE, FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL, REGIONAL AND MUNICIPAL)

On my behalf, and on the behalf of any minor children participating in these activities, for whom I am legally responsible, I agree to the following:

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS:

I am aware and understand that activities involving these horses involve many risks, dangers and hazards. Including, but not limited to the following:

1. Horses, which are powerful and potentially dangerous animals, may change their behaviour at any time and may, without warning, jump, run wildly, buck, kick, bite or step on people or personal property;
2. Horses may collide with other horses or objects or trip, stumble or fall even if being led, ridden or attended to;
3. Negligence (which means, in general terms, a failure to exercise ordinary or proper care) of other riders or my or my child's own failure to ride safely within my or my child's ability or within designated areas or trails;
4. Equipment may fail;
5. Weather conditions can change and can sometimes be dangerous;
6. The nature of the terrain can change and has certain risks associated with it including, but not limited to, exposed natural objects, trees, streams, and creeks;
7. The activities can sometimes be in remote areas and injuries or illness may occur and it may be a considerable distance to doctors, hospitals, or any other type of assistance; and
8. Negligence on the part of A PROPERTY OWNER AND/OR THE PROVIDER OR THEIR STAFF.

I am also aware that the risks, dangers and hazards referred to above exist throughout the trail, stable, practice and other areas and many are unmarked. I understand and acknowledge that no amount of caution, experience and instruction can eliminate all of the risks involved and I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers, and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage and damages or loss resulting therefrom.

Participants Initials	Parent/Guardian Initials
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RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the Provider providing me or my child with their horses or sleigh riding and other services and permitting my or my child's use of their equipment, and other facilities and the Property Owners providing me or my child with the use of their property (hereinafter collectively) referred to as "the Services", I hereby agree as follows:

1. TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I or my child have or may in the future have against a Property Owner or the Provider, and their directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as "THE RELEASEES") and TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I or my child may suffer, or that I or my child's next of kin may suffer as a result of I or my child's use of the services or due to any cause whatsoever, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OR CARE INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE "OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT" ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES;
2. TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any damages to the property of or personal injury to any third party resulting from I or my child's use to the services;
3. This agreement shall be effective and binding upon I or my child's heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives in the event of I or my child's death or incapacity;
4. This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Manitoba; and
5. Any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought within the Province of Manitoba

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PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR & RIDING BOOTS

1. Proper riding footwear is required by all persons, regardless of age, participating in any horse related activities.
2. ALL MINORS (Horseback riders under 18 years of age) are required to wear protective head gear in the form of high impact helmet and proper footwear.
3. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL HORSEBACK RIDERS OF ANY AGE WEAR A HIGH IMPACT HELMET.
4. I (we) decline to wear a helmet(s)

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In entering into this Agreement, I am not relying upon any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I, MY CHILD, MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND/OR REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

Participants Name: _____ Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.
(please print)

Participants Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Participants Telephone (home): _____ (work): _____ (cell): _____
(if under 18 years old) Participants Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____
(please print)

Witness: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL, SIGNED, DATED, AND WITNESSED BEFORE ANY ACTIVITY WITH HORSES MAY BE UNDERTAKEN

Please email me information on upcoming events! Email Address: _____