

Royal Ridges Retreat

Summer Camp Opportunities

Senior Staff

This is a listing of the programs that Royal Ridges Retreat offers, and the senior positions that are available with those programs.

Horse Camps

Program Description: Royal Ridges Retreat offers 3 weeks of **Resident Horse Camp** and 6 weeks of **Day Horse Camp**. There is a capacity of 32 campers each week at Resident Camp, and 48 campers at Day Horse. Resident camp is run as a single gender camp for girls in grades 4-12. Campers arrive Sunday evenings and are assigned to a cabin with a leader. Camp comes to a close the following Saturday morning.

Day Horse is co-ed ages 8-14. Day camp runs Mon-Fri. Campers participate in many activities, but the primary focus is on riding skills.

One of the highlights of our Horse Camps is the "Showdeo" (horse show) on the last day of camp. Parents are able to watch their kids display their riding talents. Campers also receive a certificate, their horsemanship tests, and much admiration from the audience.

Sr. Positions for Horse Camps

***Area Supervisor:** (Resident/Day) This position requires a leader with experience in Barn Management, riding experience and a proven track record in training, supervising and empowering others. Organizational skills are essential.

Qualifications: Female, 18+ years old, and CHA certified. Must be available to serve mid June -late August (includes staff training). Current First Aid and CPR required.

***Cabin Leaders:** You will be in charge of 8-16 campers. Camps are divided according to age. You will supervise daily activities, chores, lead Bible Studies, and help lead campfires (resident only). A love for horses and a willingness to learn job skills is essential. Encouraging camper participation in recreational and spiritual activities of camp, through your own involvement, is also a big part of your position. Must be able to work well on little sleep and cope well with change. Could be called upon to serve at a different location where needed. Weeks will alternate between residential and day camps.

***Wranglers:** The main responsibilities of Wranglers include: teaching all levels of Riding Lessons, supervising other activities and leading chores in and around the barn. (Resident) You may help lead campfires, do Bible Studies and assist in cabin supervision. You will alternate between resident, day, and corral. Encouraging camper participation in recreational and spiritual activities of camp, through your own involvement, is also a big part of your position. Must be able to work well on little sleep and cope well with change. Could be called upon to serve at a different location where needed.

Qualifications for Counselors and Wranglers: Females, 18+ years old or a graduated senior. Must be available to serve mid June-late August. This includes staff training. Time off may vary due to staff, enrollment, health, and weather conditions. Current First Aid and CPR Card required.

Adventure Camps

Program Description: Royal Ridges Retreat offers 3 weeks of Resident Adventure Camp and 5 weeks of Day Adventure Camp.

There is the ability to take up to 32 campers each week. Both camps are co-ed. Resident runs Sunday evening through Saturday noon. Camps are 6th-12th grade (Sr), and 4th-9th (Jr). There are both horse and paintball electives. Day Adventure camp is M-F. Camps are 5th-9th. The focal point is the Ropes Course, which includes the 38' climbing wall, low ropes, and high ropes. There are also 4 paintball weeks.

Sr. Positions at Adventure Camp

***Area Supervisor:** This position requires a leader with experience in Challenge Courses, and a proven track record in training, supervising and empowering others. Organizational skills are essential.

Qualifications: Males and females, 18+ years old. Prior Challenge Course experience. Must be available to serve mid June - late August (includes staff training). Current First Aid and CPR required.

***Cabin Leader:** Responsibilities for this position include: leading Bible studies, challenge course initiatives, and other activities. We are looking for people who are very willing to learn the skills needed (knots, shelters, survival, fire building, GPS, etc.) to serve at this camp; and who are very detailed oriented as technical safety is important for running ropes course and climbing wall activities. Must be prepared for lots of fun and little sleep.

***Facilitator:** Responsibilities for this position include: training staff, maintaining equipment, and facilitating the challenge course. Also, teaching the outdoor education classes to the campers will be required.

Qualifications: Males and females, 18+ years old or a graduated senior. Must be available to serve mid June-late August (includes staff training). Current First Aid and CPR required.

Day Camps

Program Description: Royal Ridges offers 9 full weeks of Day Camp. All day camps operate from 9-3:30 Monday through Friday. Campers bring their lunch for all Day Camps. Bus transportation is available from selected locations. **Staff are expected to be here an hour before and an hour after the camper's day.**

Day Camp: This is a co-ed camp with a weekly capacity of 100 campers. Campers are between the 1st and 6th grade. Campers are assigned to different groups based on grade level. Day Camp offers recreational and educational experiences including: nature hikes, hay ride, swimming, visiting the petting zoo, shooting bows and arrows, making crafts, climbing the wall, riding horses, and playing group games.

Day Horse Camp: This program is a co-ed program for kids 8-14 years with a capacity of 48 campers per week. It is similar to the Residential Horse Camp, but runs every other week during the daytime. Riding lessons (mainly Western style) given by our instructors, scenic trail rides and horse science classes are typical daily activities.

Day Adventure Camp: This is a co-ed camp with a weekly capacity of 32 campers. It runs every other week opposite Day Horse Camp. It will include high ropes, which day campers do not get to do.

Over Night Blast: On Tuesdays/boys and Thursdays/girls, campers will have the opportunity to spend the night at camp. Day Horse camp ONB is Wednesdays. It is co-ed and at the upper camp. They will have a sleep out, play night games, sing around a campfire, and do many other fun activities as they spend a night away from home. There are 24 spots for each gender on each night.

Sr. Positions for Day Camp

***Day Camp Area Supervisor:** This applicant will be a proven leader with experience in operating a camping program. High relational and organizational skills are essential to this position. Will supervise and mentor the Day Camp Staff.

Qualifications: Males and Females, 18+ years of age. Must have daily transportation and provide own sack lunch (off site housing is a possibility for those who do not live in the area). Must be available to serve mid June-late August . Current First Aid and CPR required.

***Senior Group Leader-Day Camp:** Responsibilities include leading a group of 9-15 campers in activities such as games, crafts, archery, nature hikes, petting zoo, and climbing wall. You will also be organizing and leading Bible studies, worship, and group discussions. Encouraging camper participation in recreational and spiritual activities of camp, through your own enthusiastic involvement, is also a big part of your job. Must be able to serve well with a Junior Counselor. **Attendance at both Sunday Open House and Overnight Blast are required above and beyond the Day Camp day.**

Qualifications: Males and females, 16+ years old, must be available mid June- late August (includes staff training). Must provide your own lunch and daily transportation to and from camp. Current First Aid and CPR required.

***Corral Supervisor - Day Camp:** This position is managing the horse corral area for Day Camp. You will be supervising the Corral helpers, as well as the grooming, "horse science," riding and other horse activities for Day Camp groups.

Qualifications: Males and females, 18+ Years Old, must be available mid June- late August (includes staff training). Must provide your own lunch and daily transportation to and from camp. Current First Aid and CPR required.