

SUMMER 2011!

VOLUNTEERS

Our usual 8 week summer schedule is fast approaching! We welcome Riverside Brookfield to the JKB program this year. We think they will be a great asset to the program and a JKB alum is the main sponsor and instrumental in bringing the program to RB. It should be another great year of great kids doing great things.

When signing up for the horses, please make sure you are VERY comfortable with them and know how to bring them up, saddle them etc. You don't have to ride every ride..especially if you are not comfortable getting on and off that horse. You will need to be able to do this in order to help open and close gates and pick up things that the kids drop. Sometimes you will have to be able to get off quickly in case a horse gets tripped up, tangled up or just in some kind of predicament. We need experienced riders to go with the kids and the observers.

The third person on the horse/maintenance side will be a "floater" this year. So indicate to me if this is what you want to be. This job will consist of everything from mowing the lawn, weed wacking, running to town if needed, making freezer runs for the kitchen, general maintenance & getting activity equipment ready...the list goes on! You may have to help tend the gates as the others round up the horses or help before and after the kids have saddled & unsaddled, but you won't have to help the kids with the saddling or the actual riding.

If you are willing to drive a van (15-passenger) to/from the airport please email me your driver's license number and your DOB. I need to submit it to our insurance company. If you have driven before, I have it on record already. I would just need a change of name from some of you. Drivers must be over 25 years of age.

Great news for the kitchen. Tyler is coming back! Hopefully Michelle will be back too splitting the duties. If you sign up for "KP" let me know if you are also willing to help me out with some of the admin/office work too. It includes making copies, inputting data (mostly excel & access), filing etc.

Flights are again on Southwest. The flight schedule is on the following page. I have reserved extra seats for each flight for observers & volunteers. I will be glad to include any of you in the group. It will be on a first come basis. Just let me know. If you chose to make your own flight arrangements, please remember to arrive in Denver no later than the kids and depart from Denver no earlier than the kids. We really appreciate that, as many of you know how far the Denver airport is from the Ranch.

OBSERVERS

If it has been a long time since your school has sent an observer, this is the summer to do it! You only need to pay the airfare, we will take care of their activities, food, & room at the Ranch. You can view the flight schedule on JKBRanch.org (summer program button at the bottom of the home page). Flights are from Midway (MDW) for Chicago and Henry County groups. Flights are from Indianapolis (IND) for the Butler County groups. Flights are from Orlando for FL groups.

Lastly, THANK YOU ALL! We can't do this without all you wonderful volunteers! Remember that you have a lasting effect on all the kids during their week at the Ranch. YEE HAW! Let's gear it up for summer 2011! For most of us....this isn't our first RODEO! You can call me (630-651-1677 or 1800 Ranch16) or email me JKBCMB@aol.com with your plans.

REMEMBER...all expenses incurred during your volunteer week are tax-deductible.

Number of Seats available each week for observers/volunteers:

Week 1	3	Chicago (10 kids)	Week 6	6	Chicago (20 kids)
Week 1	3	FL (10 kids)	Week 7	4	(Henry County) (8 kids)
Week 2	5	Chicago (10 kids)	Week 7	2	(Butler County) (10 kids)
Week 2	3	FL (10 kids)	Week 8	4	(Henry County) (8 kids)
Week 3	6	Chicago (20 kids)	Week 8	2	(Butler County) (10 kids)
Week 4	6	Chicago (20 kids)			
Week 5	6	Chicago (20 kids)			