



Weekend Family Camp Information Package





Dear Families,

Welcome to Zajac Ranch for Children!

We are very happy that you have signed your family up for camp this summer. You are going to have a fun-filled adventure at the ranch! We have designed this information booklet so that you and your family know what to expect and can prepare for camp.

If you have any additional questions about your stay at the ranch or if you need to make changes to your arrival time, please give us a call at the ranch at 604-462-8305.

For questions regarding bookings, payments, documents or cancelations, please contact our head office at 604-739-0444.

During your stay, your family will have the opportunity to enjoy everything camp has to offer while keeping physically distanced from anyone who is not in your circle. We ask you to please observe our covid-19 rules. Our separate activity areas and sleeping lodges make it possible for us to run family camps for multiple families at a time without two families ever having to be in close proximity, however your cooperation is essential. Our returning staff is trained to guide you. Together we will have another successful and safe year of Family Camps.

We can't wait for your family adventure to begin – see you soon!

Sincerely,

Zajac Ranch Staff



What to expect

Covid-19 Safety Procedures

Hand Sanitization stations have been set up outside every activity area, every dorm and also outside the dining hall. We ask you to sanitize your hands before and after you enter each one of these areas.

Though you and your family are not required to wear gloves and masks in your accommodation or when walking around camp, there will be times when you are required to do so, for example when staff is checking your harnesses at the ropes course or when they assist you during the riding lessons. Staff members will be wearing masks and gloves on those occasions too, as well as when they prepare and serve your food, in the event they need to enter your dorm to deal with an emergency or any other situation that will require them to be in close proximity to you.

Wi-Fi and cell phone service

There is limited wi-fi available at the ranch. Though cell service is available for most providers, please be aware that there is no reception on Florence Lake Road so you won't be able to reach us once you're on the road.

Registration

Upon arrival, you will be asked to head straight to the Registration Desk, wearing a mask, where your temperature will be taken and we will ensure that we have all the necessary documentation for you and your family. This is a quick process. Please do not walk around camp before registering.

Preparation

If your child tends to feel anxious about new experiences, one good way of keeping their anxiety low is to read through this booklet with them and talk about the different activities they might do at camp. Though we rarely have to cancel activities due to the weather, we often swap activity time slots. For example, if you are scheduled to do an activity like arts & crafts in a sunny morning and are going on a canoe trip that afternoon but the weather forecast is predicting rain for the afternoon, we will try to swap them so that you have a better experience.



Other reasons for changes to activity time slots might include the horses' wellbeing as some of our horses may require additional rest time. If your child is very keen on following schedules, it is important that they are aware of possible changes.

Fun stuff we do at camp

- Horseback riding (weight restriction 240lbs /110Kg)
- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Low Ropes
- High Ropes
- Climbing Wall
- Swimming
- Skynet
- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Campfires
- Games

Please note: All activities listed above may not be possible due to limited staffing, weather, covid-19 restrictions or horse availability

Typical Schedule

Below is a typical schedule for our weekend Family Camps. You will be given a schedule for your actual camp upon check-in.



Overnight Family Camp - Example Schedule

Day 1

11:30am Check-in
12:00pm Tours of Camp /
Settling in Dorms
12:30pm Lunch
01:30pm Activity 1
03:00pm Activity 2
05:30pm Dinner
07:00pm Opening Program

Day 3

08:30am Breakfast
09:15am Activity 5
10:50am Activity 6
12:30pm Lunch
01:30pm Themed Game
02:45 Zajac Court
04:00pm Camp Store & Check-Out

Day 2

08:30am Breakfast
09:15am Activity 3
10:50am Activity 4
12:30pm Lunch
01:30pm Fun Hour (Use of
Sports Field, Forest Trails)
03:00pm Hike / Canoe Trip /
Games
05:30pm Dinner
7:00pm Evening Program





Arrival & Departure times

Check in is at 11:30am on Friday and check out is at 4:00pm on Sunday.

We open the gate at 11:30am on arrival day. If you arrive before 11:30am and find the gate closed, don't worry! This means our staff are getting ready for camp and they will open the gate right in time for registration. Please refrain from attempting to open the gate yourself.

The gate is closed every evening for everyone's safety. If you need to leave the ranch after dinner during your stay, please notify staff so someone can open it for you.

When you arrive, please follow the camp road and park by the cultural centre. Check in is located just outside the cultural centre in the covered area.

Check Out is at 4:00pm on Sunday. Please kindly ensure that your sleeping area is clean and left how you found it prior to leaving.

Bug bites, band aids & more!

When doing outdoor activities, bug bites, bumps and scrapes are likely to happen! All staff at camp have standard first aid and CPR training. Remember to bring bug repellent and after bite lotion with you!

What to bring

The following list is a good guideline for packing for camp. It's not necessary to go out and buy every item on the list; use your own judgement to make substitutions.

Packing List

Bedding

- Sleeping Bag- warm, preferably synthetic fill
- Pillow
- Base sheets for mattress (large enough to fit a double bed)

Personal Care Items and Gear

- Insect repellent (**ESSENTIAL**)
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Water bottle (**ESSENTIAL**. We do not provide disposable cups)



- Portable hand sanitizer (Optional - hand sanitizer stations are set up at the ranch)
- Toiletries (Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush etc.)

Footwear

- Rubber boots
- 2 pairs of shoes: at least one pair should be sturdy running shoes with laces and rubber soles.

Clothing

- Socks: 2 extra pair
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Long Sleeve (in case of colder weather)
- Pants (1 pair per day of camp) (**MANDATORY** for Horseback riding)
- Jacket or hoody
- Waterproof rain suit (camp activities continue in the rain)
- Hat (for sun and rain)
- Facemask (**ESSENTIAL**. You are required to wear a mask to registration)
- Swimsuits and towels

Optional

- Camera
- Optional: Book / iPad

Footwear

- Rubber boots
- 1 pairs of shoes: sturdy running shoes with laces and rubber soles.

Food

Meals are included with your stay with us. If you would like to bring snacks, please keep them in your car or we can store your cooler in the kitchen for you if you prefer. **Please do not bring food or drink with you into the dorms. We are a nut free facility and we want to continue to keep the area safe for all campers who may be severely allergic to nuts.**

Lost & Found

All lost & found items are kept in the ranch office. We encourage you to look through the lost & found before you go home. If when you get home you realise that you have forgotten something, feel free to call the ranch. If we find it, we will arrange for you to collect them at the ranch or from our office in Vancouver if that works best for you.



Directions

The ranch is located on 15600 Florence Lake Road, V4S 1C4

We are on Km 8.5 of Florence Lake Road, which is often referred to as Burma Road. We are about 1hr from Abbotsford, 40min from Maple Ridge and 30min from Mission.

If you type in *Zajac Ranch for Children* in Google Maps it will take you straight to the main gate. However, for a small number of people it seems to say that their journey will take several hours. If this happens to you, keep an eye on the directions below and try to type our address instead.

HOW TO GET TO THE RANCH FROM VANCOUVER

- Take Highway 1 East to the Maryhill Bypass (United Blvd exit).
- Travel northeast to the Lougheed Highway and cross the Pitt River Bridge. Continue on Lougheed Highway.
- Turn left onto Dewdney Trunk Road (Note that there are a few different turn-offs along Lougheed labeled “Dewdney Trunk Road” or “Old Dewdney Trunk Road.” Don’t be fooled! You are looking for the one in Pitt Meadows across from the Staples store).
- Continue on Dewdney Trunk Road for 20-25 minutes.
- About a ¼ mile past Clark's General store at the Dam, turn left onto Burma Road – there will be a sign saying “Zajac Children’s Ranch” (Note that Burma is a gravel road).
- Stay on Burma Road for 8.5km. Turn right at the Zajac Ranch for Children sign, and you’ve arrived!

HOW TO GET TO THE RANCH FROM ABBOTSFORD

- Take Route #11 North from Abbotsford to Mission. Stay on this road as it turns into Cedar.
- Continue up the hill on Cedar, past the Husky Station until you come to a stop sign and turn left onto Dewdney Trunk Road.
- After a short distance, you will cross a bridge. Turn right immediately past the bridge to continue on Dewdney Trunk Road.
- Travel for about 10 minutes, past the dump and you will cross the BC Hydro Power dam bridge.
- Take the first right after the bridge, which is Burma Road (gravel road). There is a small parking lot and guard house on the right.
- Stay on Burma Road for 8.5km. Turn right at the Zajac Ranch for Children sign, and you’ve arrived!

HOW TO GET TO THE RANCH FROM CHILLIWACK

Take Abbotsford exit #92 and follow the Abbotsford directions above.

Note that though Florence Lake road is frequently gravelled, it is often in bad condition.



However, if you drive slowly you shouldn't have a problem doing it with any type of car. Just remember that there is not reception on Florence Lake Road so if you are coming outside normal hours, you need to let us know in advance.

Zajac Ranch contact information

Ranch (Mission): 604-462-8305

Additional questions about your stay at the ranch, activities, changes to your arrival time.

Head office (Vancouver): 604-739-0444

Questions regarding bookings, payments, adding additional members of your family or cancelations.

Emergency after hours during your stay: 604- 462 -8303 or 604 834 4561

Medical emergencies, you got locked out of your room, electricity failure, etc

Please notice that the emergency numbers will ring in the houses of the staff living at camp.

Please do not ring these numbers after hours if it's not an emergency.