

Ranch Kids Day Application Instructions 2017-2018

Wilder Ranch State Park

Thank you for your interest in Ranch Kids Day. Because of the popularity of this program, reservations are based on a lottery system. We strive to make this process available and fair for all interested groups.

1. APPLICATION PROCESS & IMPORTANT DATES

You will need to fill out an application form. This application can be downloaded from the Wilder Ranch Webpage at https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29254 or you may request a digital copy by email (WRVolcoordinator@gmail.com). The application will be ready to download beginning **Tuesday, August 1st**. In order to qualify for the lottery process, the application must be received at the Wilder Interpretive Center by **3:30 pm on Friday, September 1st, 2017. Post marks do NOT count**. You may print a copy and fill out manually, or complete the form on your computer, save, and then print the form before mailing or dropping off the completed form at the Interpretive Center. You must affix postage:

Wilder Ranch State Park
Attention: Interpretive Center
1401 Coast Road
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

2. SINGLE OR COMBINED CLASSES

The program is designed for 40 – 50 students. This is usually 2 classes. (Because some schools have class sizes over 30, we can accommodate a group of 50 – 60 with a modified schedule.) You may apply as a single class or combined class.

If you apply as a combined class, you will fill out 1 application with a main contact teacher as well as a second classroom teacher. Submitting two separate applications is not allowed.

If you apply as a single class, please list a contact teacher, and leave information about the second teacher blank. We reserve the option to combine your class with another class for the program. It is more cost effective to participate with 2 classes. Students from the 2 classes may work together in a group.

3. FEES

\$440.00 is the basic program cost for up to 40 students. This includes a fee for Draft Horses for Hire and a suggested donation to Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks.

For each additional student over 40, the cost is an additional **\$11.00** per student. These funds go towards program supplies and *Draft Horses for Hire*. In the event that *Draft Horses for Hire* is not available, you will be refunded that portion of the cost.

Fees can be paid on the day of the event. You may pay by cash or check. If you pay by check you will need to write two separate checks. One will be made out to Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks (FOSCSP), one will be made out to Draft Horses for Hire.

4. Selecting your requested dates

We ask that you mark all of the dates your group can attend, on the application, in order of preference from 1 to 10. Please mark an x on any dates that you cannot attend. Please mark your preferences keeping school functions, conferences, and holidays in mind. If you are assigned a date that you cannot attend, you will forfeit your spot.

5. LOTTERY

All completed applications received at the Interpretive Center by 3:30 on September 1st will be equally eligible for the lottery. Applications will be randomly drawn, and classes will be placed in their highest available preference accordingly. Applications drawn after spaces have been filled will be placed on a wait list.

6. CONFIRMATIONS

If your school has been selected to attend a 2017-18 Ranch Kids Day program, you will be notified by email on or before Friday, **September 15th**. All other schools will be notified by September 30th of their wait list status. If your school was not selected to participate in a Ranch Kids Day program, you are encouraged to schedule a 1 hour Ranch Tour, which are held on Thursdays or Fridays during the school year. Please phone the Interpretive Center at 831-426-0505 for more information, Thursday-Saturday 9-4 p.m.

7. COMMITMENT

By entering your application in the lottery you are committing to the available dates and to the fees. You are also committing to participation in the requirements of an ESD program.