

Ranch Kids Day

Wilder Ranch State Park Environmental Studies Program (ESP)

Ranch Kids Day Basics:

Travel back in time with your 3rd grade class to the early 1900s to find out what it would be like to live on a coastal dairy farm. Today's students learn how to live in the past while they participate in many chores that they would need to know for their survival on the farm.



The Ranch Kids Day program at Wilder Ranch follows the curriculum guidelines set by the State of California. The program is designed for third grade students. We offer a unique hands-on interpretive living history program. During the ESP, students in period dress assume the lives and activities of the past. They learn to help the ranch run by participating in hands-on activities just like the families of the dairy farm did one hundred and twenty years ago. Activities may include: wagon rides, preparing period meals, forging metal in the blacksmith shop, old-fashioned laundry processes, animal care, gardening, vintage games & crafts, journals, music, and stories.

Attendance

The program is designed to accommodate 2 classes per program, with 40 - 50 total students being ideal. A modified schedule may be available for up to 60 students

Chaperones Parent involvement is required for a successful program. A minimum of 1 chaperone for every 6 students is required, up to a maximum of 12 chaperones total per day. Chaperones may be assigned to lead groups, assist docents, or help with setup and breakdown.

Meals

Snack and lunch are provided for the students in the program. Students prepare lunch during the program stations. Chaperones should bring their lunch.

Schedule

The program is held on alternate Fridays; the fall season is held from the end of September through November; The spring season is March through May. The program runs from 9:30 AM-1:30 PM (for groups up to 50) or 9:00 AM-1:30 PM (for groups over 50).

Cost

\$440/day for up to 40 students. \$11 for each additional student over 40.

Reservation Procedure

Reservations for the Ranch Kids Day program are assigned by lottery.

**Applications**

are available on our website or by phone request beginning on August 1st. A hard copy of the application must be received in our office by 3:30 pm on September 1st in order to be eligible for the application process. Postmarks do not count. See Application Instructions for details.

