

Wilder Ranch SP **Ranch Kids Day Application Instructions 2016/2017**

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.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. IMPORTANT DATES

You will need to fill out a hard copy of the application. An application may be downloaded from the Wilder Ranch Webpage at www.parks.ca.gov or you may request a copy by mail by leaving your address on our answering machine (831) 426-0505. You may download or request an application beginning **Monday, August 1st**. In order to qualify for the lottery process, the application must be received at the Wilder Interpretive Center by **4:00 pm on Thursday, September 1st**.

2. SINGLE OR COMBINED CLASSES

The program is designed for 40 – 50 students in total. 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.

If you apply as a single class, you will simply 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
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 fee.

Fees can be paid on the day of the event. You can pay by cash or 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.

Scholarships: Several Scholarships are available for Title 1 schools. If you are a Title 1 School, you may request the scholarship on the application.

4. DATES FOR FALL 2016 & SPRING 2017

We ask that you mark all of the dates your group can attend the program, in order of preference from 1 to up to 12. Please mark an x on any dates that you cannot attend. Please mark your preferences with 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 applications received by 4:00 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 waiting list.

6. CONFIRMATIONS

We will confirm the earliest dates by Monday, September 5th. We will confirm all dates by Friday, September 9th.

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.