

FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES, INC.®

Summer Camp



Your Camping Session is:

Pasco County

7/13-18



www.youthranches.org

Summer Camping Program:

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches will be conducting five and six day sessions of summer camp at each of its two locations. The goal is to provide a wholesome atmosphere and positive camping experience for deserving boys and girls of Florida between the ages of 10 and 15.

The camp also provides an opportunity for Deputy Sheriffs and other Law Enforcement Volunteers to get personally involved with the youngsters and build positive, healthy relationships. Campers live in cabins while learning how to share and get along within a group setting. Every day contains a healthy balance between work and play, providing a valuable lesson for maturing youth.

Strong and devoted leadership is the key to a successful camping experience. The staff may include college students, graduates, teachers and other individuals committed to helping boys and girls become productive, law abiding citizens.

Summer Camp Goals:

- ★ Provide campers with opportunities to try new activities, learn new skills and make new friends.
- ★ Allow campers to interact with law enforcement officers in a positive manner and learn that "Law Officers are Your Friends".
- ★ Teach campers valuable teamwork skills through group living, group decision making and group building activities.

Camp Activities:

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| ★ Arts & Crafts | ★ Games |
| ★ Sports | ★ Swimming |
| ★ Canoeing | ★ Awards Night |
| ★ Skits/Songs | ★ Campfire Activities |
| ★ Archery | ★ High Ropes Course |
| ★ Challenge Course | ★ Water Safety |
| ★ Nature Hikes | |
| ★ Environmental Education | |

Special Demonstrations may include:

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| ★ K-9 Units | ★ SWAT Teams |
| ★ Conservation and Wildlife Education | ★ Helicopters |

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ARE YOUR
FRIENDS!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PROCESS:

Do I really have to fill this whole thing out?

Yes, applications that are incomplete will not be accepted. All pages must be completed and signed in the appropriate places, by the appropriate people.

What if my child does not want to go to camp?

Then please reconsider completing this application and sending your child to camp! There are plenty of children who want to attend and we want them to have this opportunity.

Why does the Sheriff need to sign it?

We are the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. We are founded by the Florida Sheriffs Association. So, in a way, the Sheriff is sponsoring the child to come to camp.

What should/shouldn't I tell the Youth Ranches about my child?

On the page where it asks questions about the child, please be honest. We want to know as much as we can about the child to determine if they would be successful at camp.

What if I can't get another physical?

Please try to get the physical filled out on our form. Talk to your doctor's office/health department and see if they can transfer the information to our form from the child's most recent physical. As long as the physical was completed within a year from the start of the camp session, it will be accepted.

Once it is complete, who do I send it to?

Please return the completed application to your local Sheriff's Office.

When will I find out if my child/children are accepted?

Once the application is received and reviewed for eligibility, a letter of acceptance/denial/waiting list will be sent as soon as possible.

CAMP INFORMATION:

Where is camp?

Caruth Camp is located at 14770 SE Highway 19 in Inglis, Florida, which is about 20 minutes north of Crystal River, in Levy County.

Youth Camp is located at 1170 Youth Camp Lane in Barberville, Florida, which is about 30 minutes west of Ormond Beach, in Volusia County.

How do we get there?

When your child is accepted to attend camp you will receive information about transportation options. If you live locally, you may need to provide your own transportation to and from camp.

Where do the kids sleep?

Campers sleep in cabins with 11 other children of the same gender and similar age. There are also two or three staff members (group leaders) who stay in the cabin with the campers. Campers are responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of their cabins, and other camp common areas throughout the camp experience.

What if my child doesn't like the food?

Each meal has kid friendly options and is approved by a dietitian. There are many options including: cereal bar, salad bar and always peanut butter and jelly.

What if my child gets homesick?

Homesickness is our camp nurse's specialty. We will try convincing the camper to stay, but if they are truly homesick, then we will call the parents to have them pick up the camper. **Please make sure that your camper is ready to commit to coming to camp for a whole week.**

Can my child call home?

Unfortunately, no. With over 70 campers on campus at a time and the amount of activities we have planned for a day, there simply is not time for everyone to call home. **HOWEVER, IF A PARENT NEEDS TO CONTACT THEIR CHILD AT CAMP, PLEASE CALL DURING MEAL TIMES AT 8 AM OR 12:30 PM.** The campers eat together in the chuck wagon and usually can take a quick break for a call from home. The number to call at Caruth Camp is 352-447-1151 or Youth Camp is 386-749-9843.

How much does it cost?

IT'S FREE! The only cost is your time in completing the application; getting it notarized, signed by the Sheriff in your county, filling out the physical, and postage to mail it back.

STAFF & OTHER CAMPERS:

What is the staff like?

The staff is recruited from all over the United States. They are typically college age and are working toward a degree in a field working with youth. They are energetic, compassionate about working with youth, and lots of fun!

What if my child doesn't know anyone?

Living in a cabin with 11 other campers, your child is likely to make new friends. There are other campers with similar interests who are just as nervous as your child about meeting new friends.

Are there both boys and girls there?

Each week 36 boys and 36 girls, ages 10 – 15, come to camp. There are both female and male staff members and of course, our Deputy Sheriffs.

Why are there Deputies at camp?

We have Deputies and School Resource Officers from around the state who volunteer to come to camp each summer. They are excited about joining your child at camp. **Our motto at camp is "Law Officers Are Your Friends".**



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Healing Hearts**

FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES, INC.

DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF POTENTIAL SUMMER CAMPERS:



Each summer the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches runs a Summer Camp program at our two camps located in Inglis, Florida or Barberville, Florida. Campers between the ages of 10 and 15 who meet the admission requirements will be selected to attend the camp session of their county's attendance.

Enclosed please find the summer camp packet for your child. The completed Camp Application should be **taken** to your local contact or the Sheriff's office for signature. The Youth Information, Program Release, Medical History and Medical Report forms are to be **COMPLETELY FILLED OUT BEFORE** you bring the application to be signed by the Sheriff.

Camp Application: Filled out **completely** by parent or guardian. The Sheriff's signature of the county where the youth resides must be present on the application. A photograph is required.

Youth Information: Filled out by parent or legal guardian and SIGNED.

Program Release: Filled out completely, SIGNED and NOTARIZED.

Medical History: Filled out by parent or legal guardian and SIGNED.

Medical Report: A physical examination must be current within one year prior to the start of the Camp Session, SIGNED AND DATED by the doctor.

Space at Camp is limited, so do not delay in completing these forms. Camp registration opens March 15 and spaces will be filled on a first come/first serve basis for youth who have never attended either of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches summer camps. Youth who have previously attended camp will be placed on a waiting list and considered for camp attendance after May 1.

If you have any questions, please call Caruth Camp (352) 447-2259 or Youth Camp (386) 749-9999.

We look forward to seeing your child at Summer Camp!

Sincerely,

Cori Welbes
Director of Camping Services



Camp Application

Admission Requirements

1. Legal guardian and youth must be legal residents of the state of Florida.
2. Between the ages of 10 and 15.
3. Completed Summer Camp Application form and recommendation by Sheriff.
4. Youth must not be severely emotionally disturbed.
5. Youth must not be dependent on drugs or alcohol.
6. Youth need to know that weapons, smoking, use of alcoholic beverages and non-prescribed drugs are not permitted.
7. Willingness to accept camp instruction, discipline and dress code policies (failure to comply with camp policies and rules may result in dismissal).
8. Satisfactory physical examination (on our form), signed by medical doctor and legal guardian. Physicals must be completed within one year prior to start of Summer Camp session.
9. Any medication that the youth must take while at Camp must be given to the nurse upon arrival.
10. Signed and notarized Program Release/Registration/Transportation.

**ATTACH
PHOTOGRAPH
HERE**

(required)

PLEASE FILL IN COMPLETELY

IMPORTANT: Please Type or Print DATE OF APPLICATION _____

LEGAL NAME OF YOUTH _____ NICKNAME _____
First Middle Last

YOUTH'S PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
_____ COUNTY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE (____) _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ RACE _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____

PRESENT LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF YOUTH _____ Parent(s) _____ Foster Home _____ Other
_____ Relative(s) _____ Shelter Care

NAME OF RESPONSIBLE PERSON _____ PHONE (____) _____

CELL (____) _____ WORK (____) _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____
_____ ZIP _____

PERSON HAVING LEGAL CUSTODY _____ RELATIONSHIP OR TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE:(____) _____ WORK:(____) _____ SIGNATURE: _____

SHERIFF'S SIGNATURE: _____	COUNTY: _____	DATE: _____
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YOUTH INFORMATION

Name of Youth _____

Date of Birth _____

Any problem areas which Camp staff should be aware of, such as drugs, alcohol, tobacco, stealing, lying, running away, setting fires, etc.?

How does the youth get along with adults (relationship to authority)? _____

How does the youth get along with peers (social skills, leader/follower, etc.)? _____

What are youth's interests and hobbies? _____

Has the youth ever been hospitalized for drug, alcohol, or emotional problems? _____

Did the youth complete program successfully? _____

Is the youth currently in counseling? _____ If so, why? _____

Does the youth exhibit violent behavior (threatening, fighting, etc.)? _____

Is the youth currently on medication? _____ If so what type? _____

Has the youth ever attended a Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch program (Project Harmony, Summer Camp, Mobile Camp?) _____

Additional comments regarding the youth: _____

Person Completing Form _____

Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Received by: _____ Date: _____ Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

Accepted: Y N Letter Sent: _____



**FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES, INC.
CAMPING SERVICES**



Program Release/Registration/Transportation

Name of Youth _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Work Phone _____

Cell _____

Referred by _____ Email _____

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

As the parent/guardian of _____, I hereby agree:

1. Not to hold Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., or staff responsible for illness or injury.
2. To give permission to participate in approved camp activities including but not limited to initiative problem solving, canoeing, hiking, challenge course, high ropes course, team-building, team sports, archery, swimming, and class room setting activities (except as authorized by doctor's orders).
3. To give the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. complete authority in regard to discipline matters, authority to make decisions regarding medical problems and plans for treatment.
4. To give the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. permission to transport my child and release the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. and private parties providing Camp transportation from all liability.
5. To give permission for the youth to be photographed and participate in social/public media activities.

**FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES, INC.
NOTICE OF PRIVACY RIGHTS FOR YOUTH**

This notice describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed, and how you can get access to your protected health information. The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is dedicated to maintaining the privacy of your Protected Health Information (PHI). In conducting our business, we will create records regarding our youth and the treatment and services we provide to you. We are required by law to maintain the confidentiality of health information that identifies them. We also are required by law to provide you with this notice of our legal duties and the privacy practices that we maintain in our agency concerning your PHI. By federal and state law, we must follow the terms of the notice of privacy practices that we have in effect at the time. We may use and disclose your PHI in the following ways: treatment, payment, health care operations, release of information to family/friends, disclosures required by law, public health risks, health oversight activities, lawsuits and other similar proceedings, law enforcement, research, serious threats to health or safety, military, and national security. You have the right to confidential communication, requesting restrictions, inspection and copies, amendment, accounting of disclosures, right to paper copy of this notice, right to file a complaint, and the right to provide an authorization for other uses and disclosures. For a more detailed description of the Notice of Privacy Rights for Youth, you may contact the Privacy Officer at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, P.O. Box 2000, Boys Ranch, FL 32064, 386-842-5501.

AGREED BY _____ DATE _____
(Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian)

Medical Insurance _____ Policy # _____

Authorization Phone # _____

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF _____

Before me personally appeared the said _____, who states that he/she executed the above instrument of his/her own will and accord, with full knowledge of the purpose thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
_____ day of _____, 20____

(Signature of Notary Public, State of Florida)

(Notary Seal)

(Print/Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Know _____ or Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced: _____

Campers May Bring:

****Modest Attire Required**

5 pair of shorts	Pajamas
1 pair of jeans	Laundry bag
5 T-shirts	Raincoat/poncho
7 pair of underwear	Hat
7 pair of socks	Insect repellent
2 pair tennis shoes	(non-aerosol)
One-piece bathing suit	Toiletry articles
Suntan lotion (SPF 30+)	Sports water bottle
2 washcloths	3 large towels
Blankets/sleeping bag	Pillow

- **Clothing should cover and conceal body parts e.g. midriff, back, shoulders (2" wide shoulder straps minimum), chest, legs to mid-thigh or longer.**
- **Clothing should cover all undergarments.**
- **Shorts, skirts, or pants should be worn at natural waistline.**
- **Attire should not be sexually suggestive.**

If you do not own some of these items, please come to camp anyway!

Please **DO NOT** Bring:

- Smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs of any kind
- Aerosol products
- Knives, hatchets, guns or weapons
- Food, money, jewelry, expensive recreational equipment, radios, iPods, cell phones or any electronic devices. Such items will be held by the Camp Director in a secure location and returned at the end of the session.

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches will not be responsible for lost or misplaced items.

Important Information:

The only registration expense to the child's family is the cost for a physical examination and transportation to the designated drop-off/pick-up point. The physical form which must be completed within a year of the camp start date, must also be signed by a physician. If your child has physical, emotional, or other concerns, please note it on the application.

Each camper must have a Program Release Registration/Transportation form, signed by the legal guardian and a notary public. In case of an emergency, please provide an accurate phone number.

Application Procedure:

Please fill out the enclosed application and return to your local Sheriff's Office. For more information or to obtain applications please contact:

- Your local Sheriff's office
- School Resource Officer
- Youth Camp - (386) 749-9999
- Caruth Camp - (352) 447-2259

Selection for camp participation will be made by the Camping Services Team in consultation with the local Sheriff. The Camp Director is responsible for final approval of all applicants. Campers are welcome regardless of race, color, religious background or national origin.

If you live in the following counties you will likely attend Caruth Camp: Alachua, Bay, Calhoun, Citrus, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton and Washington.

If you live in the following counties you will likely attend Youth Camp: Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Clay, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Glades, Hendry, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Union, and Volusia.



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Our Vision

Young men and women who, because of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, are able to face the future with a sense of direction, ability, and hope.

Our Mission

To prevent delinquency and develop strong, lawful, resilient and productive citizens who will make a positive contribution to our communities for years to come.

Our Values

- **Children First!**
- **Integrity...Doing the right thing for the right reasons at the right time**
- **Quality...Doing nothing less than our best, every day in every way**
- **Stewardship...Taking responsibility for the assets that have been provided for the benefit of children through the gifts and sacrifices of others**
- **Character... Building successful youth and staff through development of positive character traits**

Youth Camp
1170 Youth Camp Lane
Pierson, FL 32180
(386) 749-9999

Caruth Camp
14770 SE US Hwy. 19 N.
Inglis, FL 34449
(352) 447-2259

*Two Camp Locations
Serving the
Children of Florida*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Below is information regarding the 2014 Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch Summer Camp application. Please read the information carefully and in its entirety. Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding the application or its process.

1. **Camp Application Page:** Please fill out completely and attach a photograph of your child to the application (**required**).
2. **Youth Information Page:** Please make sure parent/guardian signs this form.
3. **Program Release/Registration/Transportation Page:** Please fill out completely, sign, and have the form notarized (**must be notarized**).
4. **Medical History Page:** Please fill out completely. Note that "immunization record dates" are required for this form.
5. **Medical Report Page:** An exam must be completed within 1 year of the summer camp (school physicals are acceptable). A copy of the exam must be attached to the form and it must be **SIGNED AND DATED** by the physician who conducted the original exam. Otherwise, the child must have a physical exam completed on the medical form.

Applications are due in our office no later than March 7, 2014.
Please note this year slots are on a first come, first serve basis.

Within the next few months after submitting your application, you will be receiving information from the Youth Ranch directly regarding details about the camp.

When completed, please mail applications to:

Pasco Sheriff's Office
Attn: Jaime Hosler/Youth Diversion
8700 Citizen Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34654

Regards,



Jaime Hosler
Youth Diversion Program
727-836-8480