

SKY RANCH

FATHER DAUGHTER

WEEKEND

PACKING LIST

- Bible/pen
- Bedding - standard twin size sheets or sleeping bag, and a pillow (not needed if you have reserved private accommodations)
- Towels & washcloths (not needed if you have reserved private accommodations)
- Comfortable clothing for all activities on Saturday (you will be walking around camp, going down the ziplines, etc.)
- Attire for Saturday Night Event (see below)
- Close-toed shoes for activities
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight
- Warm clothing in case the weather gets chilly
- Swimsuit, water shoes & towel (optional - if water is 68 degrees or more water activities will be open)
- Light jacket (optional)
- Rain jacket/poncho (optional)
- Camera (optional)
- Fishing gear (optional free time activity - catch and release fishing)

IMPORTANT TIMES

- 5:30pm Arrival on Friday
- 10:00am Departure on Sunday

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

Schedule with actual times given upon arrival.

FRIDAY

Check-in and Activity Sign-up*
Dinner
Welcome & Session 1
Night Activity
Back to Cabins

SATURDAY

Coffee Available
Breakfast
Session 2 & Photos
Recreation Time
Lunch
Recreation Time
Dinner
The Blessing
Night Event
Back to Cabins

SUNDAY

Coffee Available
Bags Packed and Loaded
Breakfast
Session 3
Departure

*** Sign up for Trail Rides at an additional cost of \$25 per person.**

SATURDAY NIGHT EVENT

Royal Rumble

Hear ye! Hear ye! Royal Rumble invites fathers and daughters to enter the kingdom and rule the dance floor at a silent disco fit for royalty. When the music pauses, step into the arena for friendly competitions worthy of the royal court. Music and memory-making fun await in this night of grand royal celebration.

For the safety and comfort of all of our guests, tobacco, alcohol, fireworks, and firearms are strictly prohibited. Failure to comply with these policies may result in fines or dismissal from Sky Ranch property.

FOR DAD'S EYES ONLY

THE BLESSING

Saturday Night After Dinner

"A dad's job is to make his daughter courageous. Fearless. To make her feel beautiful. To give her a sense of adventure. To make her feel secure and confident. The relationship between a dad and a daughter is very simple. She will love her father and trust him completely, forever. Because he's her first love. Her first hero. The first man in her life." - Harry H. Harrison Jr.

One of this weekend's highlights will occur on Saturday night.

You will have the opportunity to bless your daughter with a life-giving moment called, "A Walk to Remember". We have asked a variety of grown women to answer the following question. "Whether he ever said it or not, what did you need to hear from your dad when you were a little girl?" **Based on their response, we have designed a time for you to speak these life-giving words into your daughter's life.**

IT'S A BIG JOB...

Not just anyone can do it. You were hand selected by God to instill in your little girl a sense of security, hope, and confidence that comes from experiencing the love of her heavenly Father through you. Don't worry, you don't need to be perfect; however, you do need to be present and purposeful. This weekend you will have the opportunity to be both.

This guide is meant to help you think this through. In fact, we would encourage you to write your thoughts down in a letter, we have provided a page for this at the end of this packet. You might present this letter to her with a gift. She will cherish this for sure. Don't use the letter as a substitution for talking to her. Remember that your words don't matter as much as your sincere attempt to say them. God won't let you fail in this. So, enjoy it. She needs to hear from her first love.

For Dad's with daughters who have attended before:

Focus your thoughts and comments on the past year. She can't hear this stuff enough from you. Make sure to use different examples and show her that you have been paying attention to her life.

PREPARATION FOR THE BLESSING

Here is how it will work. You will be given an opportunity to invite your daughter to join you for a walk around camp because you "have something important to share with her."

WHAT TO SAY:

As you walk, tell her in your own words:

I love being your father because...

You might say something like: "I can't believe God chose ME to be your dad! Of all the dads in the world, He chose Me! He must think we make a good team." The reality that you two were brought together by God might mean something to your girl. Sometimes dads and daughters don't relate to each other because of different interests and abilities. However, the fact that God chose to put you two together as a dad/daughter team is something that might hit home.

Let her know that you want to be a part of her life.

You can let her know how hard it is to be a good father, but you are trying to do your best. Make sure to say something along these lines specifically: "I know I may seem busy sometimes or not interested, but I am. You are one of the most important people in my life."

Let her know why you love spending time with her.

Remind her of a time spent with her that was special to you. Be specific. Tell a funny story or serious one. Either way, try to let her know how that time made you feel.

Let her know you see that she is growing up and you love who she is becoming.

Tell her you understand how hard it is to grow up, even though it may not seem like it at times. Let her know how much you worry about her and want to protect her, because you are her dad and will never let anything happen to her - if you can help it.

NEVER MAKE HER FEEL LIKE IT IS HARD TO BE HER FATHER.

It is just hard to be a father because you want to be a good one and you don't always have all the answers. She is a great daughter, and that is why you want to be the best dad you can be.

After you have walked for a while, sit down with her and tell her in your own words...

I love you. I am proud of you. I think you are beautiful - inside and out.

I believe in you because you are you. You are awesome.

You don't have to win everything or be the best. Just be who God created you to be.

Never compromise your faith or character trying to be something someone else makes you feel like you need to be.

In my eyes, you are a princess. And you deserve a prince. Don't settle for boys that don't deserve you. You deserve someone who will love you like a princess. (Your girls may be too young for this. Your call.)

We will go through some hard times together. You may not always like me or the decisions I make, but I still love you. There is nothing you will ever do to make that change. On the other side of trouble, I will still be here. I will always be here for you.

CONSIDER A GIFT OR TOKEN TO GIVE HER

At this point, you can give her a special gift (such as a ring, picture frame, charm, letter/notes from you, a necklace, etc). You can tell her that every time she sees it, she can remember that you think she is the most beautiful girl and your heart will always be tied to hers.

After you have given her the gift, take some time to pray for her. Don't worry about the right words, just speak your heart to God the best you can. Remember that the words are not the thing here. She will feel the effort if you sincerely reach out. It's okay if you cry. Don't worry. She won't think any less of you.

When you have finished with this walk, you will join the rest of the group for a fun party at our Activity Center.

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."
Proverbs 31:30-31

CHARACTER QUALITIES

Adaptable	Able to adjust without difficulty to new, unfamiliar, and unexpected conditions. Phil 4:6
Agreeable	Willing or ready to agree or consent.
Alertness	Ability to know and do the right thing based on what is taking place around me. Mark 14:38
Amiability	Having a kindly or attractive disposition; friendly; pleasing. Micah 6:8
Aspiration	Ardent desire after what is great and good. Phil. 4:8
Assured	Certain; convinced; not doubting or doubtful. Matt. 7:24; Phil. 4:13
Attentiveness	Paying or giving attention; intent; observant. Prov. 22:17-19; Phil. 2:3-4; Heb. 2:1
Availability	Capable of being used – "always there when you need 'em". Acts 20:35; Phil. 2:20-21
Boldness	Daring; courageous; brave; confident; speaks out. Ps. 138:3; Acts 4:29; Eph. 3:11-12; Phil 1:20
Bravery	To encounter with courage and fortitude. Ps. 31:3; Ps. 31:24
Cautiousness	Knowing when to do the right thing at the right time. Prov. 19:2
Compassion	Sympathetic emotion created by misfortunes of another, accompanied by a desire to help. Ps. 103:13; Col. 3:12; 1 John 3:17
Confidence	Certain; self-reliant; has assurance. Ps. 71:5; Prov. 14:26; 2 Cor. 3:4-5; Heb. 4:16; Heb. 10:35-36
Considerate	Regard for others' circumstances or feelings. Eph. 4:32; Phil. 2:4; Heb. 10:24-25
Contentment	Satisfaction with what one has and circumstances or feelings. Phil. 4:7, 11; 1 Tim. 6:8
Cooperative	To work together as a group for a common goal. Rom. 12:3-5
Courage	Ability to encounter danger or difficulties with firmness and without fear. Deut. 31:6; 2 Chron. 15:7; Ps. 27:14; Ps. 31:24
Creativity	Imaginative; gives rise to new things and ideas. Rom. 12:2
Decisiveness	Able to make a prompt decision when faced with time limits. James 1:5
Dedicated	Given wholly to a purpose, goal, or thing; devoted. Phil. 3:14; Col. 3:23-24
Deference	Behaving toward others in a way that is respectful; treating them as persons of great worth. Rom. 14:21
Dependability	Reliability; trustworthy; rest with confidence in. Ps. 15:4; Ps. 62:6,7; Luke 16:10
Desire	To wish or long for a person, thing, or goal.
Determination	Act of deciding; firm resolution; settled purpose; mental act of settling upon some course of action with fixed purpose to adhere to it. Luke 22:42; 1 Cor. 9:24; Heb. 12:1-3
Diligence	Steady application; constant effort; to accomplish what is undertaken. Jer. 29:13; Col. 3:23; Heb. 6:11-12
Discernment	Power to perceive differences between things, ideas, and their relationships; discriminate between good and evil. 1 Sam. 16:7; Ps. 119:65-66; Prov. 17:27
Discipline	State of order maintained by training and strict self-control. Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Tim. 4:7; 2 Tim. 1:7
Discretion	The ability to make sound, tactful judgments. Prov. 22:3
Earnestness	Serious in intention, purpose, or effort, characterized by depth. Prov. 23:23
Endurance	A continuing or bearing-up under pain or distress without yielding. Gal. 6:9; Heb. 12:1
Enthusiasm	A keen and active interest; ardent zeal in pursuit of something. Prov. 15:13; Romans 12:11; 1 Pet. 3:13

Expressiveness	Full of expression, vividly representing the meaning or feeling to be conveyed.
Fair-Mindedness	Reasonable and unbiased; free from prejudice.
Fairness	Honest; open; frank; impartial or unbiased. Luke 6:31
Faith	Confidence or trust in a person or thing; loyalty to a person, promise, or commitment. 1 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 11:1
Firm	Steadfast and unwavering; showing determination. Eph. 6:14
Flexibility	Capable of adapting or modifying. Col. 3:2
Forgiveness	Inclined to overlook offenses; to cease to feel resentment against. Eph. 4:32
Fortitude	Strength of mind which enables one to encounter danger or bear pain with coolness and courage. 1 Chron. 29:20
Friendly	Inclined to approve, help, or support. Ps. 41:1-2; Prov. 17:17; John 15:13
Generosity	Free and unselfish in giving. Prov. 22:9; 2 Cor. 9:6
Gentleness	Kindly; mild, not severe. Matt. 5:5; Gal. 5:22-23; Col. 3:12; 1 Thess. 2:7; 1 Pet. 3:4
Giving	To commit or offer oneself to be used or helpful. Matt. 22:37-39; 2 Cor. 9:7
Good-natured	Natural mildness and kindness of disposition. Col. 4:6
Goodness	Virtue or integrity; kindness. Gal. 5:22
Gratefulness	Thankfulness of kindness shown or benefits received. 1 Cor. 4:7; Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18
Honesty	Freedom from deceit or fraud; upright; integrity; honorable intentions, principles and actions. Matt. 5:18
Honorable	Worthy of being honored; motivated by principles of honor; consistent. Matt. 5:6
Hospitality	Cheerfully sharing everything with others each day; food, shelter; smiles, encouragement, etc. Heb. 13:2
Humility	Not proud or arrogant; modest and submissive to authority. Ps. 10:17; Prov. 22:4; James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:6
Imaginative	Being able to create new things or ideas consistent with reality.
Initiative	Power or ability to take the lead or originate action. 1 Chron. 29:20; Rom. 12:21
Integrity	Unimpaired moral principles; honest; soundness; whole and undivided. Prov. 10:9; Prov. 20:7
Intent	Fixed with earnest attention on some purpose or thought.
Joyfulness	Gladness or delight; causing satisfaction and happiness. Prov. 15:13; Prov. 17:22a; John 15:11; James 1:2-3
Kindness	Good; helpful; friendly. Micah 6:8; Eph. 4:32
Leadership	Ability to lead or guide. Ex. 18:21; Matt. 20:26; Rom. 12:1-2
Listener	To give close attention in order to hear; to pay attention to. Prov. 4:1; Mark 4:24; James 1:19
Love	Giving to others' needs without seeking something in return. 1 Cor. 13:3
Loyalty	Faithful to one's obligations, commitments, and leaders. Matt. 25:21; John 15:13; Rom. 12:9-10
Meekness	Mild of temper; gentle; not easily provoked or irritated. Ps. 62:5; Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Cor. 13:4-5
Obedience	Act of complying with rules and standards imposed by one in authority; submission. 1 Kings 8:61; 2 Cor. 10:5
Open-minded	Having a mind open to new arguments or ideas; unprejudiced. Prov. 22:17
Orderliness	Preparing yourself and your surroundings so that the most good can be done with little confusion, in the amount of time given. 1 Cor. 14:40
Patience	Bearing pain or trial without complaining; waiting with calmness; not hasty; calmly diligent. Prov. 14:29; Prov. 17:27; Rom. 5:3-4; 2 Tim. 4:2
Perseverance	The act or habit of persistence in anything undertaken. Rom. 5:3-4
Persistence	Steady continuance of a course; tenacious or purpose. Hosea 6:3; Eph. 6:14
Persuasiveness	Having the power to influence, move, or prevail; to convince toward a certain course of action. 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:24
Pleasing	Giving pleasure or satisfaction; agreeable; gratifying. Ps. 104:34; 2 Cor. 5:9
Practical	Mindful of results, usefulness, advantages/disadvantages, action or procedure; matter-of-fact.
Punctuality	Showing that I value other people and their time. Eccl. 3:1

Purposefulness	Having an objective to be reached or accomplished.
Reasonable	Having or exercising sound judgment.
Respectfulness	Regard; high consideration and courtesy. 1 Pet. 2:13; 1 Pet. 2:17
Resoluteness	Having a fixed purpose; determined; steadfast; firm. Prov. 4:25-27; 1 Cor. 15:58; Gal. 6:9-10
Resourcefulness	Wise use of that which others might overlook or discard. Luke 16:10
Responsibility	Accountable for performance or discharge of duty. Rom. 14:19; Phil. 4:13; 1 Pet. 4:10
Reverence	An attitude of deep respect and esteem mingled with affection. Prov. 1:7; Prov. 23:17; 1 Pet. 5:5
Security	Freedom from apprehension; confidence of safety; freedom from danger or risk. Ps. 16:8-9; Prov. 10:9; John 6:27
Self-control	Control of one's actions or feelings. Gal. 5:22-25
Self-starter	One who applies his/her efforts without instruction, urging, or directions from others.
Sensitivity	Having feelings easily excited; readily and acutely affected. Rom. 12:15; Col. 3:12
Sincerity	Freedom from hypocrisy; truthfulness; genuineness. Prov. 3:3; James 3:17; Heb. 10:22; 1 Pet. 1:22
Steadfast	Fixed, firm, or constant in resolution; not fickle or wavering. Prov. 4:25; Prov. 12:27b; Prov. 21:5; 1 Cor. 15:58
Tactful	Skill in doing or saying exactly what is required. Prov. 25:11, Eph 4:15
Tenacious	Holding fast or characterized by keeping a firm hold; "stick-to-it-tiveness"; tough. Prov. 4:25, 26-27; Prov. 12:27b; Gal. 6:9
Thankful	Expressive of gratitude; grateful; appreciative. Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18
Thoroughness	Finishing a task that has been started down to the last detail. Prov. 18:5
Thriftiness	Controlling my desire to spend more on myself than I should, so that I might have more to help others with. Luke 16:11
Tolerance	Acceptance of others just as they are; realizing that we are all different, and hopefully growing and maturing. Phil. 2:2
Trustworthy	Worthy of trust or confidence; reliable. Isaiah 6:4; Matt. 25:21; Heb. 2:13
Truthfulness	Conformity to fact or reality; honesty by nature. Prov. 10:9; Eph. 4:25
Unselfish	Not unduly attached to one's own interests or welfare; generous. Matt. 20:26-28; Phil. 2:3-5
Virtue	Moral excellence or goodness; praise-worthy. Prov. 19:20; Phil. 4:8; 1 Pet. 1:5
Wisdom	Having sound judgment; common sense; extensive knowledge; discerning. Prov. 1:7; Prov. 9:10; Prov. 15:20a; Eph. 5:15-17; James 3:17

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