

SKY RANCH SCHOOL PROGRAMS



Dear Chaperone,

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a chaperone on your student's Sky Ranch Outdoor Education trip! This trip would not be possible without you, and we don't take lightly your sacrifice to leave your home, work, and family so these students can have this incredible experience.

Sky Ranch is located near Van, TX, an hour and a half east of Dallas. Sky Ranch has been in operation for over 65 years and is recognized as one of Texas' leading summer camps. Serving over 7,000 children each season, Sky Ranch is a long-trusted name in quality programming for children. The Outdoor Education program follows the same excellent tradition. The curriculum serves as an extension of the classroom, delivering educational content in alignment with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. Students will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on activities which will develop their awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the outdoor environment. Led by an exceptional staff, your child will have an enriching experience you can feel secure about. An overview of the Outdoor Education program can be found on our website here: <https://skyranch.org/pages/schools>.

This packet contains information you will want to know regarding your role as a chaperone. It includes:

- Chaperone specific packing list
- Sample Schedule
- Chaperone FAQ's
- Participant Agreement Form

Your role is vital in ensuring the safety of each child who attends by offering assistance to Sky Ranch staff throughout the day and providing supervision during the non-instructional times.

If you have any questions regarding your time as a chaperone, feel free to call Sky Ranch at 800.962.2267. You can also reach the team by emailing SchoolPrograms@SkyRanch.org.

Sincerely,

The School Programs Team

PACKING LIST

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We recommend that chaperones bring comfortable clothes as they will spend much of their time exploring outdoors, hiking, and potentially sitting on the ground. Be sure to pack rain wear and warm layers for the cold nights and mornings, as the students will be outside. We always hope for good weather, but during light rain showers and cold weather, we will continue to hold class outside as long as there is no lightning, strong wind, or freezing weather.

PLEASE BE SURE TO PACK:

- Closed toed shoes
- Sleeping bag OR sheets and a blanket (standard twin size)
- Pillow and pillow case
- Towel, hand-towel, and wash cloth
- Raincoat or rain poncho
- Pajamas
- Blue jeans/long pants
- Cold Weather Layers
- Basic toiletries
- Shorts (if the weather is warm)
- Swimsuit (weather permitting)
- T-shirts or tops
- Fleece hat
- Flashlight
- LABEL EVERYTHING!

FOR CLASS TIME:

- Small Backpack or drawstring bag
- Water Bottle
- Notebook
- Sunglasses
- Extra pencils or pens are always good to have on hand for students

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

Alcohol, guns, weapons, illegal substances, jewelry, game systems, or anything that breaks easily or would cause loss if misplaced. Sky Ranch is not responsible for lost or broken articles.



SAMPLE SCHEDULE

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SCHOOL NAME

Note: These times and locations are an example. You will receive a customized schedule from your Event Coordinator.

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

| | | |
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| 10:30 am | Arrival | Green Lot |
| 11:45 am | Lunch & Skrazy | Oak Haven |
| 12:45 pm | Classes | |
| 3:55 pm | Class Debrief | |
| 4:00 pm | Recreation Time | |
| 6:10 pm | Dinner Regroup | |
| 6:15 pm | Dinner | Oak Haven |
| 6:55 pm | Night Event | Headquarters |
| 10:00 pm | Lights Out | Cabins |

THURSDAY

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|----------|--------------------|--------------|
| 7:40 am | Morning Meetup | |
| 7:45 am | Breakfast & Skrazy | Oak Haven |
| 8:35 pm | Classes | |
| 11:40 am | Class Debrief | |
| 11:45 am | Lunch & Skrazy | |
| 12:45 pm | Classes | Oak Haven |
| 3:55 pm | Class Debrief | |
| 4:00 pm | Recreation Time | |
| 6:15 pm | Dinner | Oak Haven |
| 6:55 pm | Night Event | Headquarters |
| 10:00 pm | Lights Out | Cabins |

FRIDAY

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|----------|--------------------|------------|
| 7:40 am | Morning Meetup | |
| 7:45 am | Breakfast & Skrazy | Oak Haven |
| 8:35 am | Classes | |
| 10:25 am | Class Debrief | |
| 10:30 am | Lunch & Skrazy | Oak Haven |
| 11:35 am | Departure | Orange Lot |

Everyday

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|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| 4:00-5:30 pm | The Corner Store | Oak Haven |
| 4:-5:30 pm | Café Sky | Legacy |



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CHAPERONE FAQ

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WHAT IS MY ROLE AS A CHAPERONE?

Your role is vital for the safety and execution of the school's experience. Your number one priority as a chaperone is the safety and supervision of the students attending. This will primarily occur in the following places:

- Cabins—As a chaperone, your school leadership will assign you a student cabin to stay in for the trip. The number of chaperones staying in the cabin will be based on the recommended Sky Ranch adult to student ratio along with any requirements of the school. As the main source of adult supervision, you will be responsible of making sure all Sky Ranch and school specific rules are abided by while in the cabin.
- Class time—Each school will be scheduled designated class time throughout the day. While this time will be led by Sky Ranch teaching professionals, we ask that chaperones be present during this time to help in the management of the students.
- Dining Hall—During meals, chaperones will be asked to spread out and sit with students. Each school will have specific tables assigned. We ask you to ensure your students are sitting at the designated tables and that they are abiding by the Sky Ranch dining hall rules.
- Rec Time/Night Events—In the afternoon, your school will be assigned different rec time activities to participate in. We ask that chaperones be present during this time to make sure students are at the correct activities and abiding by Sky Ranch safety rules and regulations. Your role will also be to ensure students are practicing the buddy system and not returning to cabins by themselves.

Please communicate with your school as they often have their own set of expectations and responsibilities when it comes to your role as a chaperone.

WHERE WILL I BE STAYING? WHAT ARE THE CABIN ACCOMMODATIONS?

For your stay at Sky Ranch, your school will assign you to a cabin with students. All room assignments will be gender specific and based on the Sky Ranch recommended ratios. All accommodations have heating and air conditioning, as well as indoor showers and restrooms with private changing areas.

WHAT DO I NEED TO PACK?

For more information on packing, please reference the packing list included in this packet.

WILL I HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET WHILE ON CAMP?

Please note that you will have limited access to cell service while on camp. However, we do have designated areas on camp where you can connect to WiFi throughout your trip. WiFi is available in the Legacy Center lobby and the Dining Hall. We recommend coordinating with your school's lead teacher to determine best times to step away, if you have specific needs.

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WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CASE OF BAD WEATHER?

In the case of light rain and colder temperatures, we will continue to hold classes outdoors. In the case of inclement weather, all classes and recreation time will be held indoors. The Sky Ranch leadership team will be tracking potential threatening weather conditions and have plans in place that will be communicated to the school's lead administrator. Sky Ranch provides radio communication in every cabin to stay in communication, if needed, during nighttime hours.

WILL I HAVE ACCESS TO CAFFEINATED BEVERAGES?

YES! There is a coffee and tea bar available for adults only in the lobby of our dining hall starting at 7 am. This will be available for you throughout the day. You will also have access to different soda options in the Corner Store and Café Sky during open hours.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND A SKY RANCH TRIP AS A CHAPERONE?

The cost of a Sky Ranch trip varies based upon the school's chosen length of the trip and selected activities. Prices also might vary between student and chaperone cost depending on differing needs of the school. For questions regarding trip price, please contact your school's lead teacher. All payment will be handled and collected by the school.