



# ELK CREEK RANCH APPLICATION FORM 2010

To apply for either the Ranch or the Trek Programs, detach this page, complete the applicable portions of the form, attach the deposit, and mail it to the address (use the winter address until June 15th) listed at the top of the Fact Sheet. To select the Ranch Program, indicate your session preference and those optional activities in which you have an interest. To select the Trek Program, simply indicate that choice. A 10% discount will be offered to those signing up prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_

Parents' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

School and grade completed in June: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Childs  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

From Whom or How Did You Learn About Elk Creek? \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Ranch or Riding Experience (for Ranch Applicants):	Western	English
Never Ridden	_____	_____
Novice Rider	_____	_____
Average Rider	_____	_____
Advanced Rider	_____	_____

Please be specific regarding your previous experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Backpacking Experience (for Trek Applicants): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company Carrying Health and Accident Insurance; **PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF INSURANCE CARD.**

Policy/Certificate #: \_\_\_\_\_

**RANCH SESSIONS (AGES 13-18)**

June 22 to July 19

July 20 to August 16

Full Summer — June 22 to August 16

**TUITION**

\$4100.00

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\$7000.00

**Check Preference**

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**OPTIONAL RANCH ACTIVITIES:**

- ▼ Yellowstone-Teton Caravan
- ▼ Mountain Climbing School *(second session only)*
- ▼ Rock Climbing *(second session only)*
- ▼ Glacier Skiing *(first session only)*
- ▼ Fishing
- ▼ Work Crew
- ▼ Backpacking

**Check if Desired**

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**TREK SESSION (AGES 15-18)**

Beartooth/Absaroka Trek —

July 22 to August 16

\$4100.00

**Check Preference**

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**RANCH-TREK COMBINATIONS**

First Session Ranch &amp; Second Session Trek

\$7000.00

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In order to reserve a spot for the Ranch or the Trek, a deposit of **\$1000.00** must accompany the application. THE DEPOSIT WILL BE REFUNDED IF YOU NOTIFY US OF A CHANGE IN PLANS BEFORE MARCH 1. The balance of the tuition is due before the arrival of your child. No refunds can be made for cancellations, either before or during the session. Families sending more than one child in a single summer can receive a ten percent discount.

The use or possession of alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs or drug paraphernalia is not permitted, and therefore constitutes grounds for dismissal without a refund.

We hereby give permission for Elk Creek Ranch to use photographs, addresses and e-mails of or including our child in the brochures, newsletters, or slide shows.

Elk Creek Ranch is aware of the safety challenges involved in the Ranch and Trek Programs. Although we stress “safety first” as part of the best western tradition, we cannot assume responsibility for accident or illness, both of which can occur under the most vigilant supervision. Elk Creek Ranch will mail you medical forms which must be accurately completed and a medical release permitting hospital care which must be signed. This information and authorization will allow us to respond to medical emergencies in the most effective manner possible.

I acknowledge that the use, handling, and riding of a horse involves a risk of physical injury to any individual undertaking such activities. I understand that a horse, irrespective of its training and usual past behavior and characteristics, may act or react unpredictably at times, based upon instinct or fright, which is an inherent risk assumed by a horseback rider.

The undersigned expressly assumes such risk and waives any claim against Elk Creek Ranch as a result of physical injury incurred in said activities, except to the extent such claim might be based upon the sole and exclusive negligence of the camp. The rider further agrees to hold the camp harmless for physical injury to others, or for property damage, which results from the rider’s use of the camp’s horse in violation of any camp rules or the terms and conditions of this agreement.

This agreement shall be effective and binding upon the parties hereto for the duration of their stay at Elk Creek Ranch. The parties hereto acknowledge having read and understood this agreement.

I understand that, under the Wyoming Recreation Safety Act, Wyoming Statutes #1121-1123 (sign. 1993), my participation in dude-ranching activities, swimming, alpine skiing, mountain climbing, river floating, fishing, back-country trips, horseback riding, and any other equine activity, and similar recreational opportunities implies that I have assumed the inherent risks of injury associated with such activities.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

#### Summer Mailing Address

Elk Creek Ranch  
P. O. Box 1476  
Cody, WY 82414  
Tel: (307) 587-3902  
www.elkcreekranch.com



## ELK CREEK RANCH FACT SHEET

#### Winter Mailing Address

c/o Hap and Susan Ridgway  
113 Sunlight Road  
Cody, WY 82414  
Tel: (307) 587-8828  
e-mail: rockinrsooner@wildblue.net

The fact sheet includes descriptions of the optional and special Ranch programs (not available on the Treks), information concerning Ranch and Trek expenses not included in the tuition, sources of references, equipment lists for both programs, and information about travel arrangements to and from Wyoming.

### OPTIONAL RANCH ACTIVITIES

The **Yellowstone-Teton Caravan** is a three-day, 400-mile car trip through Yellowstone and Teton National Parks. The caravan also includes a white water raft trip. It is recommended primarily for those who have not visited the parks. (For expense see below.)

**Introductory Technical Rock Climbing** is available through Jackson Hole Mountain Guides in Cody, Wyoming. Beginner and Intermediate schools along with day climbs including multi-pitches and summits will be offered.

**Glacier Skiing**, for those who love their skiing enough to walk, is available in the Beartooth Mountains just north of the ranch. We arrange two to three days of skiing during the first session, depending on the interest of the ranchers and the cooperation of the weather. (No additional charge.)

**Fishing** of all sorts is available in the Sunlight country. The Ranch provides short afternoon and evening stream fishing trips with longer overnights to the lake country of the Beartooths. The Beartooth Trek offers extensive stream and lake fishing. (No Ranch charge but state fishing licenses are required. Season licenses are approximately \$60.00. Five-day licenses are available.)

The **Work Crew** is designed for boys and girls, 15 to 17 years old, interested in devoting additional time to more demanding ranch projects. Crew members can participate in all other Ranch activities. (Depending on the amount of time they devote to the work crew, crew members will be refunded from \$75 to \$100 a session.)

Our **Backpacking** program (separate from the Treks) has become very popular in recent years, in part because of the proximity of large national wilderness areas. We offer short day and overnight trips, and climax each session with a challenging four-day trip. (No additional charge.)

Elk Creek has a **Counselor-in-Training Program** which allows four to six experienced Ranch or Trek Program participants to join our staff each year at a reduced tuition. We have been fortunate over the years to have a loyal cadre of personnel who have come up "through the ranks" in this program and, so, we have very rarely had to rely on outside people to assume leadership positions.

### RANCH AND TREK EXPENSES: The Tuition covers all expenses except for those listed below.

1. The Yellowstone-Teton Caravan costs \$300.00.
2. Climbing school and day climb costs will depend on level and duration of climbs. Prices will be approximately \$550.00.
3. The Wyoming State Sales Tax and travel from the Billings or Cody airports to the Ranch are covered in the tuition.
4. We suggest that each rancher and trekker have \$100.00 in the Canteen Fund to cover miscellaneous expenses such as fishing licenses, laundry, spending money on trips, and other personal purchases. Any unused funds are returned to the parents at the end of the summer. If the account has been overdrawn, the ranch bills the parents directly.
5. Trekkers can rent backpacks and sleeping bags. The charge for each is \$50.00 per session.

### TRANSPORTATION

We make arrangements with a travel agency to organize each individual's trip to and from the ranch. Upon receipt of your application and deposit, we will contact the agency giving them all the necessary information. The agency will in turn notify you at least one month before departure about the final travel plans. This arrangement allows all ranchers and trekkers to travel as groups while at the same time enabling us to coordinate our surface transportation between the airports and Sunlight. There will be an additional \$150.00 charged for Billings arrivals after 6:00 P.M. and Billings arrivals or departures on non-scheduled days.

**EQUIPMENT LISTS:** Most of the items listed below can be purchased in Cody if the need arises. Be certain to **label all clothing and equipment**. In all cases the more rugged the equipment the better its chances of surviving the rigors of a Wyoming summer.

**RANCH - REQUIRED**

- sleeping bag (*good to at least 32 degrees*)
- ground cloth/Thermarest
- sheets (4)
- blankets (3) (*if sleeping bag zips open it can take the place of 2*)
- towels (2)
- western riding boots
- sneakers
- jacket (*wool or fleece*)
- working/hiking boots
- socks (8 pairs)
- wool socks (2 pairs)
- blue jeans (4 pairs)
- shirts (8)
- underwear (10 sets)
- long underwear (top & bottom)
- pajamas (2)
- laundry bags (2) labelled with name
- toilet articles
- shorts
- heavy wool sweater or shirt
- work gloves
- warm hat & gloves
- day pack
- waterproof rain gear (top & bottom)
- swimming suit
- pocket knife
- water bottle

**RANCH - OPTIONAL**

- flashlight/headlamp
- musical instrument

**RANCH - OPTIONAL** (*continued*)

- western hat
- skiing equipment (*first session*)
- backpack (*for backpacking enthusiasts*)
- fishing equipment
- camera and film
- books
- CD's & MP3 Players
- writing supplies
- pillow/pillowcases
- water shoes
- (*Please, no hairdryers, straighteners or curling irons.*)

**TREK - REQUIRED**

- \*hiking boots (*well broken in, leather with cleated soles*)
- \*sleeping bag with stuff sack (*mummy-cut with hood, good down to 20°F, synthetic fill preferred*)
- \*backpack (*large capacity*)
- pack lash straps (2 pairs)
- stuff sacks (2) (*24"x12"*)
- heavy wool socks (3)
- light socks (3) (*polypropylene suggested*)
- hiking shorts (2)
- T-shirts (2)
- underwear (3)
- sneakers/camp shoes
- wool shirt
- wool sweater
- fleece jacket
- long underwear (*polypropylene*)
- Top and Bottom*

} *any combination of two*

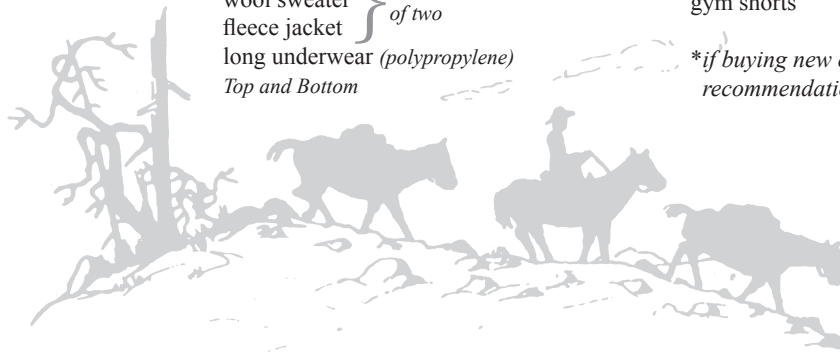
**TREK - REQUIRED** (*continued*)

- wool or fleece pants
- wool hat
- hat with visor rim
- wool or polypropylene gloves
- glacier glasses (*good quality*)
- waterproof pack cover
- thermarest pad
- pocket knife
- notebook (*small*)
- pencil
- toilet articles (*must include biodegradable soap and sunblock*)
- small towel
- waterproof rain gear (top & bottom)
- fishing equipment
- insect repellent
- small day pack
- water crossing shoes

**TREK - OPTIONAL**

- gaiters (*highly recommended*)
- camera
- film
- binoculars (*small*)
- reading books
- insect repellent
- bathing suit
- small flashlight (*highly recommended*)
- envelopes with stamps
- gym shorts

*\*if buying new equipment, please call for recommendations on brands.*



**REFERENCES AND FURTHER INFORMATION**

We have enclosed in the brochure a *Ridgway Reporter*, our current holiday newsletter, and in it are listed the names and addresses of all last summer's ranchers and trekkers. We encourage you to contact people on that list whom you know or near where you live; we feel this approach to references is the most honest, and therefore, the most useful to you. You should feel free to contact us for additional names.

We travel quite regularly in the Mid-Atlantic and New England states and would be happy to arrange home visits to show slides and answer questions. In addition, we attend several summer opportunity fairs where you could meet us and at the same time learn about other programs. If either of these options would be useful to you, please contact us to make the arrangements.

We have one telephone line at the Ranch. We ask that Ranchers use this only in an emergency. If you would like to call, you will most likely reach Ranchers at meal times (8:00, 12:00, 6:30). Sunday meals are at 10:00 and 4:30.

Cell phones do not work at the Ranch. Due to occasional power surges, we do not leave on our computer during the summer.

Letters and packages sent USPS should be addressed to your child at P.O Box 1476, Cody, WY. 82414. Letters and packages sent UPS, FedEx, etc. should be addressed to your child at 114 Sunlight Rd., Cody, Wy. 82414.