

Prepare for Camp

Departure / Arrival: We will be leaving from the French Quarter parking lot behind Einstein Bros. Saturday, July 8th and returning to that same parking lot on Sunday, July 16th sometime in the afternoon between 2-4 (guesstimate). Please be in parking lot for check in by 11 a.m. on July 8th.

Electronics: Including but not limited to: iPod, DVD, Laptop, Gameboys, Cell Phones, Tape Decks, 8 Track: Feel free to use these things on your way to and from camp, but please know that they are NOT allowed at camp. They will be labeled, collected, and stored safely when we arrive at Frontier Ranch. You'll get them back when you climb on the bus to come back home. Pay phones will be available to you so you can call your sweetie back home... *so bring a calling card*. Trust us when we say that you won't have time for any of those things once you get there. The Frontier Ranch office is open from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. every day.

Tobacco: Chewing tobacco and “dip” products are not allowed at anytime at Frontier Ranch. These items will be collected along with any electronics.

Luggage: Space is limited. Please only one piece of luggage per human and one carry on per human as well. Please respect this. There will not be room at Frontier Ranch to hold your entire closet. In your carry on, we encourage folks to pack their toothbrush and toothpaste for easy access. *Also, pack your swimsuit, rafting gear and towel in your carry on as we will be White Water Rafting before we actually arrive at camp!!!*

Weather: The weather at Frontier Ranch generally is great! However, temperature and conditions can change quickly, so be prepared. The summer and late spring provide beautiful days in the 60's-70's, and chilly at night. Check [current weather conditions](#) in Buena Vista, CO, for the most accurate, up-to-date information.

What to Bring

All bedding (sheets, towels, and blankets) IS provided by Frontier Ranch.

- **Bus Ride.** Buses are uncomfortable. Make it better by bringing a pillow & blanket for the ride.
- **Extras.** Water bottle for the bus ride / while you are at camp. A small backpack may come in handy too! If you have hiking boots, bring them, as the terrain is RuGgEd.
- **Toiletries.** Bring basic toiletries. However, if you forget something, most items can be purchased at the Frontier Ranch Store.
- **Proper Clothing.** Warm clothing and a rain jacket should be packed any time of year. The majority of the time, shorts or jeans and a t-shirt will be perfect. The evenings will probably be cool so sweatshirts and light jackets are a good idea. Closed-toed shoes and long pants are *required* for some activities. Also, don't forget your bathing suit and towel for the pool and hot tub, open year-round! Hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen would be wise since we are only a mile from the sun!!!
- **Extra Clothing.** *You'll want to bring some type of western or hillbilly-ish clothing. Cowboy/Straw hats, overalls, flannel or pearl snap shirts are for winners & don't let anyone tell you different. *Bring some Christmas attire for Christmas in July (antlers, tacky sweater, Santa hat, etc.). *Toward the end of the trip, there will be a "fancy" dinner... you'll want to bring a nice casual outfit for that evening. *Also, if there is one principle that has taken me far in life... It's this: always pack a plain white T-shirt... you never know when you'll need one. There is no laundry service available during your week of camp so bring enough clothes for the entire trip.
- **IMPORTANT:** You'll need at least one pair of shoes & clothes that you can get dirty. We would suggest they be clothes that you don't mind throwing away afterwards. I'm a fan of buying a pair of \$9 shoes & leaving them behind in Colorado. Trust us on this one.
- **Calling Card.** Cell phones are not allowed at camp and cellular service at Frontier Ranch is not very predictable or dependable. There are pay phones located throughout the camp that will allow collect calls or the use of calling cards. Calling cards can also be purchased at the Frontier Ranch Store.
- **Spending Money.** The \$699 camp fee covers everything except meals on the road along with any souvenirs or snacks you might want while you're at the Greatest Place on Earth. An Extra \$50-\$75 would be plenty...but bring as much as you'd like. The Frontier Ranch Store, the Snack Bar, and Coffee Shop will be open sometime during your stay at Frontier Ranch. Additional spending money will be needed for purchases or rentals.
- **Camera.** Colorado is beautiful. Memories at Frontier Ranch are unforgettable. REMEMBER, You will not have your phone while at camp!

- **Special Dietary Needs.** Our Food Service team is very willing to work with your dietary needs. Please contact your trip leader or Frontier Ranch ahead of time to communicate those needs.
- **White Water Rafting (stated again...which means this is important)**
We will be White Water Rafting on the morning of the first day of camp, July 10th, at Noah's Ark in Colorado! **PLEASE PACK YOUR SWIMSUIT AND TOWEL IN YOUR CARRY-ON** so that our arrival at Noah's can be smooth and so that we don't have a 'busload' of suitcases on the ground as we search for these items. Bring water shoes, Chaco's, 5 finger shoes or some sort of outdoor shoe (or old tennis shoes) to raft in. You CANNOT raft barefooted!

Medical

- The state of Colorado Division of Child Care regulations and standards require all prescription AND non-prescription medications at Frontier Ranch to be held and dispensed by the infirmary, including leaders. This is MANDATORY for Frontier Ranch to be in compliance with their child care license.
- *Please bag and label all medications (with child's name) prior to boarding the bus to Frontier Ranch. You will turn these in before boarding the bus in Tyler.*
- During the summer camping season, Frontier Ranch has a full-time nurse and a full-time EMT on staff and they host a weekly volunteer nurse and doctor. The medical staff will be more than happy to assist in any medical situations. Please call their office if you have any special needs.
- Please bring only prescription medicines that will be taken while at camp or on the bus en-route to camp. The infirmary on camp has everything else that may be needed.

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If you're uncertain about anything regarding this trip, please call the Tyler Young Life Office (903) 526-0550. It's going to be a great week!