

Outlaw Ranch and Atlantic Mountain Ranch

THINGS TO REMEMBER

SUMMER MAIL: Depending upon the camp where you are working:

– your name –
Outlaw Ranch
12703 Outlaw Ranch Rd.
Custer, SD 57730

– your name –
Atlantic Mountain Ranch
11760 Custer Limestone Rd.
Custer, SD 57730

PHONE:

Outlaw Ranch – 605-673-4040

Phone calls should be kept to a minimum.
You should only receive calls during mealtime.
All outgoing calls need to be collect or with a credit card.
Remember that we are on Mountain Time.
This number also rings into permanent staff housing in case of emergencies late at night.

Atlantic Mountain Ranch – 605-673-3017 or 605-673-3435

Both phones have an answering machine since they are not always answered. If there is a family emergency and no one is answering at AMR, your family should call Outlaw Ranch or Mary Stutz (home- 605-673-4513, cell - 605-673-1029) or Pastor Molly Sasser-Goehner (cell: 605-673-1014).

STAFF ORIENTATION: begins on May 30 at 6:00 p.m. supper. Arrive anytime after 3:00 p.m. and get settled. Parents or friends that give you a ride should plan to say their goodbyes before supper.

CELL PHONES: Staff is expected to be fully attentive to the people at camp. Cell phone conversations and texting with friends, family, or other staff during camp program hours distracts from forming Christian community in the here and now. Therefore, cell phone use during camp programs is prohibited. Be prepared to use your cell phones only during your time off.

E-MAIL: There are no camp computers available for personal staff use. Outlaw Ranch and AMR both have a WiFi zone for those who wish to bring their laptops for checking e-mail on weekends. E-mail can also be checked in the Custer County Library.

VISITING FRIENDS: Friends may visit on weekends. You should not expect to have friends visit during the week unless you have approval from your site director.

TRANSPORTATION: You will need to provide your own transportation to camp. Enclosed is a list of all staff hired so you can share rides and expenses. Let us know if you are flying to the Rapid City airport and need a ride.

SLEEPING BAG: Bring a warm sleeping bag, good to at least 32 degrees. The nights are cold in the Black Hills at the one-mile-high elevation.

HOUSING: You will have a housing assignment for the summer. Personal space is minimal so limit what you bring to camp for the summer. We live a simple lifestyle.

LAUNDRY: We do not have laundry facilities available for staff at camp. You will need to go to Custer, Hill City, or Rapid City on your day off to do your laundry.

CLOTHING: It is important that everybody on staff bring : hiking boots, warm clothes, sturdy shoes with a 1/2" heel for horseback riding, heavy jacket, summer clothes, rain gear, etc. Dress at worship services at local congregations is fairly casual. Staff will receive a staff t-shirt to wear for the campers' arrival on Sunday. Pack very light. Again, storage for personal items is very limited.

MEALS: We will provide all your meals this summer. Meals are eaten during the week with campers. Food is available on weekends - usually leftovers or other food designated for this purpose by the food service staff. However, it is up to each staff, working with food service, to work out their own arrangements for cooking and clean-up. Camp cooks are not expected to cook for staff on weekends. If you have any allergies or special dietary needs, please let us know ahead of time, so our cooks can be prepared.

I-9 FORM: You will be filling out an I-9 form at staff training to establish identity and employment eligibility. You will need to show us either:

(A) one of these: a U.S. Passport, certificate of naturalization, or unexpired foreign passport with attached employment authorization.

– OR –

(B) both a driver's license and either a social security card or birth certificate.

CERTIFICATIONS: Please bring any Red Cross or other certification cards you have (for First Aid, CPR, EMT, Registered Nurse, Lifeguard, WSI, Horsemanship Safety, CDL license, or other). We must have a copy of these for our files.

INSTRUMENTS: If you play an instrument, please bring it along -- guitars (this is a good place to learn), tubas, clarinets, percussion, band instruments, etc.

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION: If it is not already a discipline for you, begin setting aside brief times each day for **prayer, meditation, contemplation and reflection**. This is vitally important to prepare you for your ministry this summer. The demands of carrying out this challenging ministry and living in intense Christian community for the summer need to be balanced with quiet spiritual disciplines. Preparation for the summer of action ahead begins with quiet prayer and reflection now.

RANCH LIFE: Both Outlaw and Atlantic Mountain are ranches. We want to give our guests a ranch feel during the week. Staff are encouraged to bring any western-looking clothes, boots, hats, etc. Try looking at used clothing stores, rummage sales, etc. to buy fun western or prairie-wear clothes.

PAY: You will be paid two times during the summer, and also at the end of the summer. Please come with a little spending money and budget accordingly.