



FAITH RANCH

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Dear Family or Group Leader:

Thank you for considering Faith Ranch for your retreat! We trust that the following information will be helpful as you make your plans and reservations. We are happy to provide your facilities, meals, and activities. You may plan your own program or our dedicated staff is available to assist you in planning and leading activities. Our staff will be responsible for riding instruction, assigning horses, guiding trails, archery, and directing hayrides. You are responsible for the supervision and conduct of your group during your stay.

DEPOSITS: You may submit a retreat request and we will follow-up with confirmation of available dates and a contract requesting an approximate 30% deposit. **Guest Group stays can be confirmed upon receipt of your contract and deposit.** Deposits are refundable up to 60 days prior to your event date. You may request a copy of our contract for more details regarding cancellations and guest policies.

LODGING & CONFERENCE FACILITY: Guest facilities include the Ranch House, Covenant House, Bunkhouses, Conestoga Cabins, tenting and the Dining Hall at the Farm House site.

RANCH HOUSE: The Ranch House is the central location on the property, Housing our offices and kitchen, and can sleep up to 57 people. It has 8 bedrooms, 6 of which have adjoining baths. There are also four "public" shower stalls. The living room serves as a small meeting room and will seat 20. Meals are prepared and served in this building. You may also do your own cooking outdoors. The Ranch House is adjacent to our Public Riding Stables.

COVENANT HOUSE: The Covenant House will sleep up to 33 guests. It is approximately 3/4 of a mile from the Ranch House and many guests enjoy God's creation on their walk to breakfast. A beautiful porch cradles the front and side of the house and is great for relaxation or devotional times. In this private and peaceful setting, you can hear the water babble across the rocks in the stream that passes below, or the rustle of the breeze through the trees nearby. The Covenant House has five bedrooms and four bathrooms with a total of six showers and toilets. The living room seats 12-15.

BUNKHOUSES: There are two bunkhouses which sleep up to 12 guests in one & 18 in the other. Our handicap accessible shower house and restroom sits adjacent to these buildings. There is also designated space available for tent camping in this area.

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DINING HALL/CONFERENCE CENTER: Completed and dedicated in May of 2006, this facility is equipped with a beautiful fireplace, modern kitchen, carpeting, piano and 3 sets of sliding doors to provide fresh country air. The dining hall/conference center is tastefully decorated to coordinate with the country setting. It is heated and air conditioned, and has a maximum capacity of 165. It is also handicap accessible. This facility can be rented separately for conferences and meetings.

CONESTOGA CABINS: These two cozy log cabins are located at our campground, and comfortably sleep 4-6 in the Living Water cabin and 6-8 people in the Potters Hand cabin. They are air-conditioned in the summer and heated in the winter. Each cabin has a bedroom with a double bed as well as an overhead sleeping loft that will delight the young at heart. You can do your own cooking in the kitchenette, or make reservations to join us for hearty Ranch House meals. (*Meals are available when we cook for 10 or more guests*)

CAMPGROUND: RV campers will enjoy the beauty and privacy of the Faith Ranch campground! There are 6 full-hookups for RV's or pull-behind campers and ample space for additional campers.

HOUSING: Though we make every effort to accommodate your first choice, housing is assigned by the room and number of beds needed. In cases of small groups, you may be asked to share a facility with another like group (Example: Girl Scout troops may be housed together.) However, groups will not be asked to share rooms. Guests are to bring their own towels and toiletries, bedroll and pillow, etc.

GLORY BARN: Built in 1898, the renovated Glory Barn Chapel contains removable church pews and can be used for your own church service or devotions, barn dances, music concerts and assemblies. The large, sliding door and windows on the east side of the building offer a magnificent, panoramic view of the country side and is a favored location to watch the morning sunrise. There is also a loft that can be used as overnight accommodations for approximately 15 people.

MEALS: Meals are available, by reservation, for groups of ten or more. We may be able to accommodate smaller groups if others are already scheduled. The Ranch House has two dining rooms that seat 72 and 48 individuals. Our typical mealtime schedule is breakfast at 8:00 a.m., lunch at 12:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to do part or all of your own cooking outdoors. We provide fire rings and tables at each of the facilities, and a limited supply of firewood.

TRADING POST: Great gift ideas as well as essentials such as t-shirts and cowboy hats are some of what you may find in our Trading Post 'gift shop.' Just ask at the office and we will be happy to help you with your selections.

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HORSEBACK RIDING: A brief riding demonstration and safety rules are given before each trail ride. Our Trail Guides accompany each group and riding helmets are available at no charge. Youth under 18 years are required to wear a helmet. All participants must complete and sign a riding waiver prior to the ride. Youth under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign for them. **No Waiver—No Ride.**

HAYRIDES: Regardless of your age, you are sure to enjoy a tractor drawn-hayride. Scenic daytime rides or starry-skied evening rides are available by reservation to groups of 10 or more.

BARN DANCE: Gather round for an old fashioned barn dance. Learn the hokey-pokey, the Virginia Reel, or line dances as you laugh like you have never laughed before during this time of wholesome fun! Barn dances are available by reservation to groups of 15 or more.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR MINIMAL COST: We have fun activities such as archery, challenge course/low ropes course, slingshot gallery, giant volleyball, and badge session (scouts only) that can also be one of your package activities. New since 2017 our swimming pool is up & functional at an additional \$5 per person in addition to the package price, or \$10 ala carte. Additional activities are planned to be implemented for the 2018-19 camping seasons.

FREE TIME ACTIVITIES: Nature and discovery hikes, fishing, creek walking, small animals, playground area, Yeehaw ball, 9 square, monkey bridge/tire swing, walking stilts, horseshoes, corn hole boards, lariats and scavenger hunts are just a few of the free time activities you can enjoy anytime during your stay at the Ranch. Just ask at the office for your list of free time activities. Our picnic grove with a fire ring is available adjacent to the riding stables.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Cell phone service is not readily available as you get closer to Faith Ranch, though some providers do have service in the immediate vicinity of the main buildings. Please remember that we are 2 miles north of Jewett on State Route 9. The Ranch's physical address is 89500 Jewett-German Road, Jewett, OH 43986. It is suggested not to use a GPS as it will bring you to Ranch property, but with 4,000 acres a final destination may be a hayfield! However, googlemaps.com is a good source to get accurate directions.

We want your stay at Faith Ranch to be a memorable time of refreshment and relaxation; so if there is anything we can do to help you plan your stay, please do not hesitate to ask. We will look forward to seeing you in the weeks to come!

May God bless you.

Faith Ranch Staff