INTERN/DAY CAMP PROGRAM
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At Cypress Trails Ranch Day Camp is more than just a camp, it is also an Intern Program where Day Campers improve their horsemanship while learning how to care for horses. Whether it is handling or riding horses our program emphasizes safety. Day Campers can look forward to making lasting memories and friendships while participating in Day Camp activities at Cypress Trails Ranch.

Cypress Trails Ranch offers riding programs suited for various ages, abilities, and skill levels. We are located on a large, semi-wooded property near Humble, Texas, one mile North of George Bush Intercontinental Airport.

Day Campers spend their time experiencing the challenges and responsibilities of loving, riding and taking care of horses. Whether the Day Camper comes to Camp as a novice or experienced rider, they will leave with more confidence and new equestrian skills.

All Day Campers receive personal attention. We want our Campers to leave the ranch with lots of smiles, good memories, and horsemanship skills to last a lifetime. Campers are guaranteed at least two hours of riding each day on forested trails along Cypress Creek. They will spend time learning about and caring for horses in a safe and wholesome atmosphere.

Each Day Camper will be assigned a horse for the duration of their program. Camp activities include grooming and tacking horses as well as riding instruction. Safe practices are taught and reinforced during the day. Day Campers will be asked to perform barn chores, such as mucking stalls, feeding horses, oiling tack, and whatever else is needed to keep our horses healthy and happy.

Campers will be taught how to groom, saddle and bridle their assigned horse. General horsemanship will be taught, the mind of the horse and basic riding instructions, how to control the horse with hand and leg cues, proper body position and trail safety. During the Camp our instructors will also offer lessons on the parts of bridles, saddles and of the horse as well as other equine related topics such as horse colors and breeds.

THE DAY CAMP PROGRAM IS OFFERED TO CAMPERS 8 YEARS* AND UP. Limited enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call us at 281-446-7232 to book your Camp. Payment for multi-day camps is requested upon booking. One-day camps can be paid for upon arrival. Please bring this completed Application on the first day of Camp. **If your camper is mentally and physically able to attend camp safely, we can accept Campers younger than 8 years, call to to discuss your situation.*

- CAMPERS should dress for outdoor weather and according to the season. Rain gear is strongly advised in all seasons. Layers and gloves are a must for Winter Camps.
- Long pants and closed-toe shoes/boots with a low heel are required for safety.
- SEI approved helmets must be worn when on a horse, we have a great selection of helmets for sale. We also have helmets to loan.
- Hats are advised for sun protection in warm months and for warmth on cold days.
- A sack lunch, snacks, and beverages should be brought each day. A small soft-sided cooler with water bottles is a great option. There are no vending machines at the ranch, we do have well water to refill water bottles. Reusable water bottles are preferred, they don't create trash and stay in the water bottle holders used when riding better than one-use bottles.
- Please have your Camper label all items with their names, we are not responsible for lost items. Each Camper will be given a storage area for their coolers and backpacks.

WHAT MAKES US REALLY DIFFERENT! Cypress Trails Ranch offers 1 Day, 5 Day, 10 Day and 20 Day* Programs. Campers choose which days they want to participate, hours are flexible to fit parent schedules. **After your Camp is booked and Application completed we just need to know 24 hours in advance which day(s) your Camper will be at the ranch.** **20 Day Camps are only offered during summer break.*

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1-Day Camp: Monday - Wednesday November 23-27, 2026 ..... $145.00
5 Day Camp: Monday - Wednesday November 23-27, 2026 ..... $570.00
10-Day Camp: ..... Not Offered
20-Day Camp: ..... Not Offered

Campers may arrive any time after 8:00 AM. The Program ends at 5:00 PM. Camp activities start at 9:00 AM, Campers who arrive early can help feed the horses if they choose. Please use parent/guardian name as the contact when you book day camp, the minor's name can be entered in the rider field.

What to Expect & What is Expected of Your Day Camper

Day Campers are guaranteed at least two hours of riding each day and will have personal attention of an adult staff member. All riding will be under adult staff supervision, unless the parent gives permission for the Day Camper to ride out on the trail with one of our Junior Wranglers.

I give my permission for (child's name)_____ to ride on the trail with a Junior Wrangler.

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____Date:_____

Day Campers will be expected to help with the horses or any other yard, pasture, or barn chores that may arise during the time they are at the ranch. Day Campers should bring a sack lunch, snacks and lots to drink. They will be given a 1-2 hour(s) break in the middle of the day to eat and rest.

Day Campers need to be willing to help and to maintain a cheerful attitude. Cypress Trails Ranch provides a unique learning experience for young people who have a serious interest in learning about horses and the requirements of a horse operation. Two colored bandannas will be provided on the first day of camp. Please make sure your Camper returns with a bandanna each day. These bandannas are used to identify our Day Campers.

Parents: Please let us know what day(s) the Day Camper will be participating so that we can put them on our schedule.

If the Day Camper does not follow instructions or appears to be endangering him/herself or others by their actions or lack of obedience, the rest of the Camp may be revoked with a refund given in HorseBuck$* for the balance of the fee. *HorseBuck$ are credits that can be applied to bookings for trail rides, they have no cash value.

The parent /guardian must sign a Cypress Trails Ranch LLC Liability Release and complete the following information.

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Day Camper/Intern Name:_____ Age:_____

Street Address: _____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Email:_____@_____

Riding Experience: ❑ Beginner ❑ Intermediate ❑ Advanced
Visit https://cypresstrailsranch.com/adventure-trail-rides/ FAQ section for our level rating guide.

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DAY CAMPER INFORMATION

1. Campers may arrive between 8:00 - 9:00 AM and they may leave at whatever time is convenient, but must leave by 5:30 PM. Please make sure that you sign the child in and let a staff member know they are on the premises. No child should be dropped off without the parent notifying a staff member of their presence. Please be on time and pick up your child no later than 5:30 PM, unless previous arrangements have been made.
2. A refrigerator is provided. Each child must bring a sack lunch, drinks, and snacks for the day. Label all food and drinks with your child's name. If your child's birthday falls during their camp session, please let us know if you would like to provide a cake, and/or small party.
3. Riding boots/shoes with a heel are preferred but sneakers/tennis shoes are an acceptable alternative. Long pants are necessary for comfortable riding. Gloves and layered clothing are essential.
4. We sell equestrian helmets, or if you want to purchase one from another source, we can advise you as to the type needed or where to buy one. Helmets are required for riding safety. If you provide your own helmet label it with your child's name in permanent marker.
5. You may want to provide sunscreen.
6. The Campers are being taught some rules, not only for camp but to live by. The first of which is, "There's no such thing as I can't". We encourage you to talk to your child about the day and what they have learned. Then pass on any feedback you receive to help us improve our Programs.
7. Each day the Campers will be involved in a discussion relating to the horse world. It may be about equipment, horse care or various styles of riding. Please listen when they explain what they have learned, this will encourage them to keep learning.
8. The success of this Program lies with us all. We try to teach by example and from experience. We value your feedback. If you have any questions, please ask. Any suggestions you have, please pass them on. We have been working with Campers and horses for many years and we have a lot of experience, but don't have all of the answers. Together, we can make a difference.
9. Label all personal belongings.
10. If the staff needs to be aware of any special considerations, allergies etc. please remember to give us that information (in writing). Include any medications your child takes, for example allergy medications. All medications should be checked in with one of the staff members when you arrive. If your child uses an inhaler let the staff know that they will be keeping the inhaler with them.

I have read and understand the information on this page.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Day Camper/Intern Signature	Date

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND DAY CAMPERS/INTERNS

Thank you for choosing Cypress Trails Ranch LLC. Please help us ensure that everyone has a fun and safe Camp experience by following these simple rules:

■ Please complete and sign waivers included in this document.

■ Complete the Special Considerations and Contact Information page which lists your child's allergies, and any medical treatments they are currently undergoing.

■ Provide a copy of your child's insurance card and complete the Special Considerations and Contact Information. We need written permission to have your child treated medically in case of accident, this permission is granted in the Limited Medical Power of Attorney in this document. The staff at Cypress Trails requires your proxy so your child can be treated.

■ Have your Intern bring an extra set of clothing (in their backpack). Interns should ride in long pants or jeans. A good sturdy pair of shoes/boots with a heel is preferred but tennis shoes/sneakers are an acceptable alternative. We prefer shoes with heels because shoes without heels may slip in the stirrups of the saddle. No open-toed shoes allowed.

■ No inappropriate clothing is permitted, including T-shirts with sexual innuendos or foul language. On the first day of camp, each Camper will be given two bandannas. When the Camper is at camp these bandannas should be worn around their neck, tied on their jeans, or secured on a part of their body for easy identification.

■ Swearing and insubordination to any of the instructors, wranglers, staff or management is not allowed and the Camper may be sent home for these infractions. No rude or racial remarks will be tolerated. No physical violence at any time is permitted. Any abuse or rough treatment of any animal (regardless of the species) on the premises is grounds for immediate dismissal.

■ Use of cell phones is discouraged. Upon arrival phones are to be stored in Camper's backpack, unless they are absolutely needed to talk with parents. The wranglers and staff carry phones at all times. We want the Campers to pay attention while working and playing at the ranch, not texting or talking to friends on the phone. Please call only when necessary, and ask your Campers to do the same.

■ Campers who wear glasses should have eyeglass keepers on their glasses to prevent loss, as it is easy for eye wear to come off when riding a horse. Contacts lens wearers should keep saline or eye wash in their backpacks.

■ Campers may not use or be under the influence of any mind-altering substances (drugs and alcohol).

■ Campers may not smoke, vape, dip snuff or chew tobacco.

■ We allow the Campers to feed the horses snacks. Acceptable horse snacks include carrots, apples, and cereals. Bringing horse snacks is elective and in no way required.

■ Please indicate all persons who are authorized to pick up your child from camp on the Special Considerations and Contact Information page. List the people permitted to pick up your child and their phone number, address, and relationship to the child.

■ Campers are not allowed to leave the main ranch area without adult supervision. Please let us know when you pick up your child and make sure that you sign them out for the day.

While the Campers are learning, they develop friendships that will last a lifetime. People from all walks of life, from all over the greater Houston area can work, learn, and play together on a level playing field. They spend time being new horse people, all the while experiencing some of life's most important lessons.



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We have discovered that when you teach a child . . .

They can be in control of and responsible for a 1000-lb animal

Riding is a team sport and they and the horse make up that team

A 1000-lb animal will trust them and look to them as the leader

Watch what happens to their:

Confidence

Self-respect

Self-esteem

Sense of Accomplishment

Sense of Responsibility

We hope you have a great school break and thank you for choosing Cypress Trails Ranch. We hope to be an exciting and fulfilling experience for your Camper, and that they make great memories.

Barbara Butler

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Name:_____ Age:_____ Birth Date:_____

Have you ever ridden a horse?_____ How long have you been riding?_____ Do you own a horse?_____

What is your favorite kind of horse?_____

What are your riding goals?_____

_____

Please tell us something else about yourself and anything you feel we should know about you (optional):_____

_____

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Camper's/Intern's Name:_____

Street Address:_____

City:_____State:_____ Zip:_____

Email: _____@_____

PHONE NUMBERS:

Mother: HOME:_____ WORK:_____/Ext_____ CELL: _____

Father: HOME:_____ WORK:_____/Ext_____ CELL: _____

Other: HOME:_____ WORK:_____/Ext_____ CELL: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Allergies:_____

Medications:_____

Family Physician:_____ Phone:_____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Contact #1: _____ Phone:_____

Contact #2:_____ Phone:_____

Please list below the people that will be permitted to pick up the above-named Camper/Intern from Cypress Trails Ranch.

1. Name:_____ Relationship:_____

2. Name:_____ Relationship:_____

3. Name:_____ Relationship:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ Date:_____

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DATE:_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

LIMITED MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

To Whom It May Concern: Re:_____ , a *Minor Child*

By signature below, I authorize Darolyn Butler, and/or Darolyn Butler doing business as Cypress Trails Ranch LLC, to seek and procure any and all medical attention for my minor child, _____ , which may be deemed necessary by Ms. Butler or her authorized representatives during my child's visits or stays at Cypress Trails Ranch, and/or while traveling with Ms. Butler to equine competitions in or out of the State of Texas.

Furthermore, I authorize any medical facility and/or medical care provider, emergency or otherwise, to treat named minor in accordance with these instructions. Parent or Guardian agrees to bear any cost connected therewith and shall pay promptly upon billing by the healthcare provider. Management shall incur no financial liability for medical treatment obtained pursuant to this authorization.

_____ _____
Minor's Name **(Print Name)**

_____ _____
Parent or Guardian Signature **(Print Name)**

Mother's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work:_____

Father's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work:_____

Other Relative's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work:_____

Home address where Camper/Intern resides:

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State:_____ Zip:_____

In addition to the Day Camper, we require all persons who will be dropping off or picking up Day Campers; or who are on our property for any reason, sign an electronic waiver. The link to the waiver is in the confirmation of booking email sent to the contact for the camp.

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