



Church Youth Week

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Welcome to Church Youth Week at Ghost Ranch!

We are excited to explore, worship and reflect with your youth group in our radiant red-rock landscape! We want to make your visit as smooth as possible, and hope the following information answers any queries you may have. Please contact our Youth Programs Manager for further support as needed, isabelc@ghostranch.org, 505-685-1000, extension 4330.

So that you and your group are best prepared and enjoy your stay, we would like to share important information about the Ranch setting. Ghost Ranch is located in the rural setting of Abiquiu, New Mexico. The Ranch sits at ~6,500ft elevation in an arid desert environment. We experience intense sun, though because of the high elevation, temperatures can cool significantly in the shade and at night. Also, because of our remote location, we are 45 minutes away from the nearest hospital/emergency services (Presbyterian located in Espanola) and while we have many first aid and wilderness first aid trained



staff, please be prepared with any medications or medical supplies you need during your stay.

Because of our remote location, we highly recommend renting your own van and/or vehicles and driving into the Ranch. This not only helps the program and our staff due to limited transportation, but also offers you and your group more flexibility to freely explore the Ranch and local area.

If you do need transportation assistance, please read the following. We rely on White Buffalo Shuttle to get our guests to and from the ranch. Kevin Spitzer picks up and drops off at the Sage Inn in Santa Fe. It is your job to reach out to him and schedule your shuttle needs. His phone number is 831.359.8077 and his email is nivek@cruzio.com.

The best way to get to Santa Fe is Groome Transportation. They are very helpful in assessing your flight info and getting you on the right shuttle. Their phone number is 505.474.5696 and their website is groometransportation.com.

Suggested Packing List - For all scheduled activity sessions, please ensure your participants are ready to go with their proper walking shoes, hats, sunscreen (pre-applied), and filled water bottles by the time they arrive for each session. For any water based activities, we will provide announcements both at the session and meal before the water activity.

Once you arrive on property, the daily activities schedule will be posted on the Dining Hall bulletin board for you to refer to throughout the week.

IF you have any youth with any pertinent medical needs or behavioral issues that our Staff need to be aware of, please let our Youth Programs Manager



know both prior to arrival and at check in so that we can do our best to accommodate.

- Swimsuit/Water clothes
- Water Sandals (preferably with heel straps)
- Shower Sandals (if you are staying in the dorms)
- Walking / hiking shoes
- Clothes kids can get dirty in (suggestion extra socks)
- Layers, NM weather can be finicky!
- Rain coat / Wind breaker
- Sunhat / baseball cap
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight / headlamp
- Minimum 2 water bottles
- Electrolyte packets
- Snacks (please NO nut based snacks) should you require!
- Day backpack
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Toiletries (including shampoo/conditioner) and any necessary medications

While we will be busy in programming for much of the week, we encourage any and all visitors to immerse themselves in all the Ranch has to offer. Please view our general itinerary below and visit the Ghost Ranch website Activities page, ghostranch.org/activities, to book any trail rides, tours, wellness offerings and more to experience the full wonder of it all.



General Itinerary: ***subject to change***

Sunday

3pm Check In

5:30pm - 6:30pm Dinner

6:45pm - 7:15pm Orientation

7:15pm - 8pm Evening Worship

10pm Quiet Hours

Mon-Thurs

7:30am - 8:30am Breakfast

8:30am - 9am Morning Worship

9am - 12pm Morning Activities

12pm - 1pm Lunch

1pm - 3pm Free Time (tours, museum visits, hiking & more!)

3pm - 4:15pm Drop in Optional Activities and Cantina Snacks

4:30pm - 5:15pm Small Group Reflection

5:30pm - 6:30pm Dinner

6:30pm - 8pm Evening Activities

8pm Evening Worship

10pm Quiet Hours

Friday

7:30am - 8:30am Breakfast

8:30am - 9am Closing Worship

10am Check Out