



# Buildings for Babies Ranch



## Family Bootcamp Rules!

**Please read all rules and guidelines carefully.** You must initial each page, AND acknowledge with your signature on your application that you have read and agree to abide by these rules in order to attend and for everyone to get the most safety and enjoyment from your stay. Please do not hesitate to contact us or ask questions, and **please address any questions, concerns or special considerations regarding the rules with a retreat director PRIOR to completing your application.**

**Cost:** There is no charge for the retreats unless otherwise noted and B4B Ranch will provide food, and lodging during your stay. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation to and from the retreat and any transportation required during the retreat. Donations are not required or solicited, but are accepted and tax deductible.

**Dates for Retreats:** Unless specific dates are already posted, retreats are tentatively scheduled within a 10 day period of the month. Once the applications deadline is past, all applications that have been received will be considered based on the exact number of families/people who have applied and the best date is determined. Based on the best dates selected, (3 or 5 night retreats chosen) the exact dates will be posted and the families will be notified. Retreats are typically offered for 3 night, (Thursday – Saturday) or 5 nights. (Tuesday – Saturday) However, should you choose to stay over for Sunday church services at our local assembly we would be happy to accommodate you if possible. Please be sure to note on your application, if the 3 or 5 night retreat is best for you and if you would be staying for Sunday worship services.

**Due to the time cost, and planning for exact number of meals and bunks, we request that all attendees stay the full retreat, unless noted and approved on your application prior to the retreat.**

**Attire/Behavior:** It is our desire to be God honoring and adhere to a Biblical standard in our attire and behavior. All attendees agree to maintain conservative and modest attire, attitudes, language and behavior. Although we are flexible based on your wardrobe and personal needs, we prefer below the knee length dresses or skirts, and no low cut tops for women, and shirts and long pants for men. Men's shorts should be knee length. Please avoid tight fitted clothing, swim suits, shorts or cutoffs. Also, please refrain from wearing sleepwear outside your dorm/bunk room. Also please keep in mind that some nights may be chilly. **Should you invite other guest to attend the retreat with your family, please have them to fill out a separate application for approval. In order to save them any embarrassment, PLEASE be sure that they acknowledge the code of conduct that is acceptable during the retreat. Please refrain from language, jokes, religious or political discussions that may be offensive to others.**

**Meal times:** With the assistance of the attendees in preparation and clean up and other work around the ranch, meals are usually provided on most retreats unless noted differently. However, please come prepared to assist in preparing meals and other work around the ranch. Most commonly we provide community meals which are served in the cafeteria in the bunk

house basement cafeteria. **Please be sure your team assists with preparation and clean up the cafeteria after each use so that no one loses cafeteria privileges.**

**Bible Study:** 7 AM. **It is a tradition and part of the purpose of the retreat that everyone participates in a wisdom search each morning.** (Psalms/Proverbs) Bible Studies are both new and Old Testament, and are intended to be non-denominational where doctrine will not be discussed during the Bible study, or during the retreat. We often use virtual Bible films for some of the New Testament Bible study which holds the interest of the younger children. During hunting season, when people are out hunting before daylight, we usually have the Bible study at 7:30 pm or after dinner in the living room of the bunk house.

**Breakfast:** 8 AM breakfast will usually be prepared and served after the Bible study. (There is a special bunk room for 4-8 young ladies for the CKC. Young Ladies who would like to bunk with other young ladies and be part of the "Christian Kitchen Crew, (CKC) please note so on your application) Special recognition will go to the young ladies who demonstrate the most serving Christian spirit.

**Ranch work projects:** 9-1 PM - after Breakfast work task will be assigned to groups of young men for typical ranch type of work. You will learn about handling cattle, fencing, maintenance and other ranch work. Young ladies will work on home or other food, clothing and shelter preparation task. **If you have limitations or are uncomfortable with any task please notify the retreat host.**

**Lunch:** 1 - 1:30 PM - lunch is usually prepared and served.

**Ranch Lessons or play:** 2- 6 PM - After lunch we work on teaching some of the critical lessons required in ranching and a self sufficient lifestyle in the early days. Classes on Fire arms/shooting, small game hunting, building, wood cutting, and eventually we expect to have blacksmithing, Wood working, Butchering, and other necessary skills for a self sufficient lifestyle. After the lessons, we can fish, hike, float the river, play volley ball and etc. (Rule number 1, work before fun!)

**Dinner:** 6:00 PM – Dinner or Supper as you may call it, is usually provided with a community type of buffet in the bunk house cafeteria.

**Movie/Popcorn Study:** 7: 00 PM - Once the Kitchen clean up is done, we will normally watch a Christian movie with some great wholesome, moral and ethical lessons for young Christians. After the movie, we discuss the lessons we learned and have an open discussion time for both young and old to ask questions or make comments.

**Bunking:** There are 16 double bunk beds in the Bunk house located in 4 separate bunk rooms plus 1 family bunk room with 4 single beds, used primarily for a family with nursing mothers or children under 3. In addition there are 2 hide-a- bed sofas and plenty of floor space. (Sleeps 20 – 40 people) We will do our best to put couples who meet the Biblical definition of marriage and small children in the same bunk room, but will designate separate bunk rooms for boys and girls. If you do not want your children to share a bunk room, please be sure to make a note on your application so we can see if those accommodations can be met based on the total number of people attending.

**\*\*Please note only couples who meet the Biblical definition of marriage are permitted to share a bunk room or bunk bed.**

**Lights out:** 10 PM - We usually request that everyone is starting to quiet down and in there bunk rooms by 10 - 10:30 PM unless other events are planned. Please feel free to read or have quiet discussions as late as you like, but remember that we have lots of babies, young and old people who need their sleep.

**Camping:** There are designated camping areas for those who would like to pitch a tent or bring a camper. Campers can use bunk house showers and facilities. Campers are expected to join the Retreat events, Bible studies, community meals in the cafeteria and other events with their families, unless other arrangements have been made that do not conflict with other families.

**Pets:** Pets are welcome if they are outdoor pets and can be kenneled when necessary. Your pet must be great with children that are not yours. We all love pets and wish for everyone to have a great time and not have stress due to a hostile or over friendly pets causing stress or harm, especially for babies or young children. If you are unsure about your pet meeting these requirements, it is best to leave them at home.

**Hiking:** the ranch has great hiking and over 2200 acres to explore. During hunting season, we ask that hiking is done during the off hunting hours. (11am-3pm)

**Swimming:** There are several areas along the river and a wonderful spring, which are great for swimming. During November – April, the river water is pretty cold and you should only swim during the off hunting hours. The ponds are not great for swimming and we ask that you do not swim in them and PLEASE keep an eye on your younger children to make sure that they do not wonder off to the water. Modest swim wear is to be worn by both male and female swimmers and separate swimming areas are designated.

**HORSES/ATV:** With the proper release and insurance coverage, you are welcome to bring your own horses or ATV; however each parent/party is responsible for their children and to supervise the use of their horses and/or ATV. B4B Ranch does not carry insurance to cover your injuries on the ranch or on an ATV or other activity. Ranch ATV's are **strictly limited** to use for authorized and guided tours of the ranch, retrieving downed animals from hunting, pre-arranged ATV trail rides with a Retreat director in attendance. Please do not use ATV's without a retreat director in attendance, and observe all rules and watch for small children walking, climbing or attempting to use an ATV. We apologize in advance, but using ATV's without the attendance or direct permission of the retreat director may result in losing Retreat privileges.

**Fishing:** The ponds and rivers both have great fishing. If you did not bring a fishing pole and would like to fish, we have limited rods and reels that you may borrow. Please make sure that you return them in the same condition (or better) than you borrowed it. You do not need a fishing license to fish in the pond or from the river bank as long as you are on B4B ranch property AND are **not catching trout** from the river. The ponds usually do best with live bait such as worms and grasshoppers or other live bait and some spinners are great for the small mouth bass.

**Locking Gates:** Buildings for Babies Ranch is a working cattle ranch and uses the pastures for grazing the cows and calves. Please make sure to lock any gates that are closed when you open them and do not use firearms, or fire at any game near the cattle.

If your retreat is during one of the many hunting seasons in MO, there are a few extra precautions and rules that you will need to be aware of.

**HUNTING IS NOT ALLOWED DURING BOOTCAMP. HUNTING WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED ON A PRE-APPROVAL, PRE BOOTCAMP BASIS. EACH APPROVED HUNTER MUST AGREE TO HUNT AT THEIR OWN RISK, AND RELEASE B4B OR ANY OTHER PARTY FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY.**

**Hunting: As a Christian Family Retreat, for anyone allowed to hunt, we respectfully ask that there is no work or hunting on Sunday as we observe the Lord's Day as well as a day of rest.**

Also, as a Christian organization, it is even more important that we abide by all State and Federal hunting laws. For the best safety of all parties there are several additional rules during hunting season as well as for the hunters. These rules are not optional and we request that you **please abide by all rules.**

**Absolutely No loaded guns with in the houses or the fenced areas near either house!**

NO hunting from vehicles or on foot from the gravel roads near the ranch houses.

AM hunting is from 1 hour before daylight (currently 5 AM) to 11 AM.

PM hunting is 3 hours before dark (currently 2:30 – 5:30 PM)

**Deer hunting areas:** the entire ranch has lots of deer and many deer stands and great hunting hills. For the safety of all hunters, the ranch is divided into 3 hunting areas; North, South and Middle woods. You will be given a map that assigns you to a section. **Please be aware of ALL property lines and do not cross or hunt in any area that you are not assigned to.**

**Deer Tags:** It is your responsibility to know and abide by all State and Federal laws for hunting deer and Turkey. There are 3 different seasons during the November camp. Please see your DOW handbook. The state of MO will fine a minimum of \$360.00 to any party that is caught taking a deer or turkey without the proper tags. Many offenders are caught by transporting an animal or by filling a tag that was not authorized by the person who purchased the tag. In many of these cases the fine simply shows up in the mail.

**Deer bag limits:** The state of MO allows for any hunter who purchases an out of state Archery Deer tag, (Currently \$225 adult and youth \$9.50) Archery season usually begins before Thanksgiving. Rifle Deer tags are currently \$225 Adult and \$9.50 youth. Please check dates for the exact season. In order to maintain our deer population on the ranch, B4B Ranch allows that each hunter with the either sex tag use the either sex "buck" tag to take his buck and only one doe with a non-antler tag. **This means only 2 deer per family.** A young or inexperienced hunter, who is hunting with a licensed and hunter safety certified hunter, may use one of the licensed hunters, tags to take one of his animals. (The tag must be filled out in the licensed hunter's name) Our desire is to give the young and inexperienced hunters the opportunity to learn to hunt and to take a doe.

**Small game:** Squirrel, quail, rabbits and other small game can be taken from the designated areas, if you are with a retreat director or designated guide. No hunting is allowed otherwise and no quail or other hunting is allowed **within site** of the houses.

**Turkey season:** Is November – January for archery hunting only. Please see the DOW book for additional info.

By signing below, we agree to abide by all rules and regulations and further agree to hold harmless, Buildings for Babies, Inc or any other party for any loss or damages as a result of our visit to the premises.

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