



SHEPHERD'S FOLD RANCH

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Thank you for your interest in Shepherd's Fold Ranch. This packet contains some introductory information about the Ranch I hope you will take a second to see why this is "*a place called home*". Shepherd's Fold has been providing a place in the country for camps and retreats since 1972. Our heart is to create an atmosphere that helps people do business with God and to further the kingdom of Jesus. We would love to become your place for retreating, team building, leadership development or whatever you need. With 88 acres, 192 beds and loads of exciting activities I'm sure we can build a great retreat for you! Our staff is devoted to make your stay as wonderful as possible; if you have any questions, or wish to check availability, please call our office at 918-263-3622 or check our website at www.shepherdsfoldranch.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Grace and Peace,

Daniel Roberts

Retreat Services Director



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Shepherd's Fold Ranch is a Christian summer camp and retreat center established in Avant, Oklahoma in 1972 by Don and Shirley Staires. Nestled in the Osage Hills just 35 mins outside of downtown Tulsa, Shepherd's Fold Ranch is an ideal place for groups to meet and retreat. By providing a place in the country where people can do business with God, we hope to help further the kingdom of Jesus Christ and provide the highest level of service to our guests. We hope you come as guest and leave feeling like Shepherd's Fold Ranch is your "place called home".

CAMP TOUR

You are invited to come out and tour our facilities at any time. Our Retreat Director gladly will show you around and answer any questions that you may have. Until then, read all about our accommodations! We cannot wait to have you out here, please call the office to schedule your visit.

LODGING

RANCH CAMP

Providing the true rustic atmosphere Ranch Camp cabins feature bunk dorms divided into two sections, containing a bathroom and six tri-level bunks on either side. The cabins are centrally heated and air conditioned with new thermal windows as of 2012. Total sleeping capacity is 72 (36 in each).

Lodging fees are \$27/ person per night.

TREEHOUSE VILLAGE

Hidden back in the trees of Shepherd's Fold Treehouse Village is comprised of ten two-story cabins, with six dual-level bunks. Each cabin is heated and air conditioned containing 12 beds each. Total sleeping capacity at Treehouse Village is 120. The restrooms are centrally located in the Treehouse Village area. The men's and women's each contain five toilets, sinks, and showers. The Clubhouse multipurpose room sits directly above the restrooms. As a meeting room it seats 120.

Lodging fees are \$25/ person per night.

THE GROVE

As the newest addition to the property, The Grove offers two bedroom two bath accommodations that are the perfect lodging option for smaller groups seeking a comfortable private room. Each bedroom houses up to eight guests and each cabin is equipped with a full kitchen, clothes washer, dryer and a cozy fireplace. Total sleeping capacity is 32 (16 in each cabin).

Lodging fees are \$48/ person per night

MEETING FACILITIES

THE MAC

Constructed in 2011, The Mac provides a comfortable meeting room for up to 60, multi-person bathroom facilities, a nurse infirmary and massive covered deck for break out groups. The Mac is the ideal facility for corporate groups, small group sessions or any media intensive session.

THE CLUBHOUSE

Proudly positioned in the heart of Treehouse Village, The Clubhouse provides a great room that seats up to 120. The deck wraps around to capture a great overlook of the ball field and is a great small group meeting space. The room is ideal for indoor games, music sessions, evening meetings and a central base for retreat groups.

BRIGGS PARK

Looking for a great place for a campfire? Briggs Park has it and boasts a picnic area complete with a playground, sand volleyball court, lighted basketball court, covered pavilion, huge children's playground, and bathroom facilities.

EAGLE'S NEST

The Eagle's Nest is a large open-sided picnic/meeting area overlooking the 88 acres of Shepherd's Fold. It is a perfect place to watch the beautiful sunsets or spectacular lightning storms often seen here at the Ranch. Easily fitting 200+ people The Eagle's Nest is the ideal place for a group meeting or starting point of outdoor activities. Equipped with a nearby fire pit, full electric and media hookups, charcoal grill and picnic tables it is a great place to be.

TOP RAIL

As one of the Ranch's first buildings the A-frame is home of The Top Rail camp store. The store has items ranging from t-shirts and sweatshirts to Big Trains (a delicious iced coffee drink) and snacks to calm your sweet tooth. Groups can schedule times to have the store open during their stay at Shepherd's Fold Ranch.

DINING HALLS

When the supper bell rings everyone heads to the top of the hill to dine in one of our ranch style dining halls. Seating up to 80 on each side our meal service team will make sure you leave not only stuffed to the brim but as comfortable as possible. Shepherd's Fold offers a delicious seasonal menu; please contact the Retreat Director for special requests.

RECREATIONAL AREAS

RIVENDELL

Hidden in the hills of the Ranch, Rivendell serves as a great escape for personal or group reflection, a super secret adventure or a great place for a team vision cast. Reminiscent of Lord of the Rings and ancient ruins Rivendell has been used for worship sessions, scavenger hunts, camp outs etc.

LAKE SHILOH

Home of the infamous jumping tower and a floating Saturn– Lake Shiloh is a two acre pond in the heart of Shepherd’s Fold stocked with a variety of fish and available for swimming, canoeing, kayaking, fishing and any water games.

For all water activities life guards are required. If you do not specify to use SFR life guards, it is assumed that you will provide your own.

THE POOL

During the summer (May-August) our beautiful pool is open for groups to swim in. Ranging in depth from three to five feet the pool is home to a 12 foot water slide and hosts Night Swims and Water WACKO’s. Year round the pool deck is available for groups to use as a great meeting space, sunset watch post or star gazing platform.

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BALL FIELD

Larger than a football field the Ball Field provides the primary area for most outdoor games. After a full day of play your group will have no problem finding nice shady places around the field to sit and relax with all the seating and picnic tables.

ACTIVITIES

Available Activities:

Basketball, Volleyball, Nature Hikes, Frisbee Golf, Canoeing, Kayaking, Fishing, Swimming Pool, Pond Swimming, Field Games, Ultimate Frisbee, Mountain Biking Trails, 9 Square in the Air

Additional Activities:

Night Swim: One hour of entertaining, fun water games hosted by a special character paired with electrifying music and theme dressed lifeguards. It is a number one camp hit and sure to excite your group!(\$100/session)

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WACKO: (Wild And Crazy Kid-O’s) is a SFR original singing dance party. Led by staff in crazy costumes with inventive props and hilarious songs, WACKO always pleases the masses and creates great memories. (\$100/session)

Target Sports: Some people may not be aware, but archery has been around since before The Hunger Games and we have been teaching people how to use the bow for a long time. Your group can receive basic archery instruction from our staff toxophilites or shooting competitions if you are looking for a little challenge. We also have a Slingshot Shooting Gallery if your group is interested in trying their luck at pinging some tin. (\$10/person with a 10 person minimum)

Zip Line: You might have to pick the bugs out of your teeth after this ride! Our zip line starts you over 40 ft in the air and sweeps 250 ft across Lake Shiloh. It is recognized as one of the fastest zip lines in Oklahoma. (\$15/person with a 10 person minimum)

Quadrenaline Jump: The Quadrenaline Jump is the peak of challenging team activities! The goal is to get a team of four people to climb up, stand on a platform over 25ft in the air and jump off simultaneously slapping a suspended target. You are harnessed in the whole time and supported by your belay team. It is a rush and currently the only one in Oklahoma! A standard session requires approximately 1.5 hrs depending on group size. (\$15/person/session with a 10 person minimum)

Low Ropes Challenge Course: Need to learn how to work together better as a team? How about doing something that will reveal hidden characteristics and abilities? Our Low Ropes Challenge Course provides groups with opportunities to focus on leadership, team work, problem solving and trust development through the guidance and support of our staff. The Challenge is very dynamic and consistently chosen by youth groups, school teams, office groups and ministry leaders as a tool to help their organizations get to the next level. A standard session requires approximately 1.5 hrs depending on group size. (\$12/person with a 10 person minimum)

Scavenger Hunt: Looking for something a little different? How would you like to go on an afternoon journey learning the skills required to orienteer your way back to base camp discovering clues to a hidden treasure and working through an Indiana Jones approved course of team building challenges. Ideal group sizes are between 10-25. (\$15/person with a 10 person minimum)

Hayride: Yeehaw! Looking for a little country twang to add to your retreat? Our hayride features an authentic tractor pulled, hay filled trailer seating up to 30 people for a tour through Shepherd's Fold property ending with an included campfire that would make any cowboy proud. (\$5/person with a minimum of 20 people)

Campfire Staging: Nothing says camp like a good ole' camp fire. Setting up the perfect place to share a great story, watch the gorgeous night sky or engage in some deep conversation we will make sure your fire is well fueled, built on time and lasts as long as you need. (\$25)

Paintball: We would love to set you up in The Clearing for a fast paced game of Capture the Flag, or the classic Civil War Showdown. There are tons of games we can play and lots of places to play them. We work with the best mobile paintballers in Oklahoma. (Please call for pricing)

DAY RENTALS

For groups searching for a day trip the Ranch offers a wonderful deal! This daily reservation is typically for 9AM-4PM.

To plan your day consider the following:

Facility Usage Fee: \$200 and includes a meeting space, outdoor recreational options, personal group host and A/V usage.

Kitchen Rental: If your group is large enough to rent the kitchen for the day, prices are: \$75/meal or \$150 for the entire day. This includes all the pots, pans, utensils and necessary equipment for food prep, service and cleanup. Dishes, flatware and dish soap will be provided. If you choose to use paper and/or plastic, you must provide it.

Any additional activities, meals or reservations will be charged with regular prices and terms.

MEAL SERVICES

Good food may be the most important part of a great retreat and we take that responsibility very seriously. Whether it is just a light breakfast with fresh fruit and toasted oats or a full on country gravy dinner you are looking for, we have it. Our kitchen has a history of making the most memorable meals. Come grab a plate and make yourself at home.

Meal service requires a group minimum of 30. Please contact the Retreat Director with any questions.

Breakfast = \$7.00/person

Lunch = \$8.00/person

Dinner = \$8.50/person

4th Meal = \$5.00/person

Please inform the Retreat Director of any food allergies, dietary concerns or special requests at the time of reservation.

For large groups interested in providing their own meal service, kitchen rental is an option.

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Your Retreat Host will go over kitchen rules, equipment, supplies and regulations with you or other designated leader upon arrival.

Kitchen must be cleaned after each meal. Kitchen and dining hall floors must be swept & mopped each evening and before your final departure.

Groups providing their own food need to provide condiments, spices, coffee, & supplies (foil wrap, zip-lock bags, etc.) You will have use of a refrigerator and walk in freezer to store your food.

SHEPHERD'S FOLD RANCH POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The Rental Group agrees to respect the beliefs of Shepherd's Fold as set forth in the Statement of Faith, and to do nothing by word or act that will in any way detract from those beliefs.

Shepherd's Fold Statement of Faith: We believe in the Holy Scriptures as originally given by God divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy, and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct; the triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His substitutionary atonement for sin, His bodily resurrection, His personal, visible return to earth to reign in righteousness and glory; the Person of the Holy Spirit and His work of conviction, regeneration, and sanctification, Who indwells every believer, equipping them with gifts for service and witness; the necessity of new birth, in salvation by faith in Jesus Christ alone, and the importance of a life fully committed to the will of God in Christ and the church as the one universal body of Christ Who is the Head, called to be God's redeemed people.

Leadership: The Rental Group Leadership will take full and complete responsibility for the actions and behavior of their Group guests while on the grounds, including reimbursing SFR for any facility damages or excessive clean-up.

Deposit Policy: A deposit is required before reservation dates can be confirmed. The deposit is 20% of the minimum guarantee. The deposit is non-refundable, non-transferable and applied to the final bill.

Insurance: I understand that Shepherd's Fold Ranch only carries secondary insurance for guests and that The Rental Group will take primary responsibility for any charges that occur in the event that the guest should need any medical attention at any clinic, facility or hospital.

Minimum Financial Responsibility: If The Rental Group's actual number of guests is less than the guaranteed minimum, The Rental Group is responsible to pay SFR the full amount of the minimum guarantee and any additional activity totals acknowledged upon arrival. Any additional charges to the rental agreement will be invoiced to The Rental Group with terms of net seven.

Cancellation Policy: If cancellation occurs at any time, your deposit will be forfeited. Cancellation of this contract must be made no later than 90 days prior to the reservation date. Cancellation after the agreed date will result in the loss of the deposit and obligates The Rental Group to 75% of the minimum guarantee.

Indemnity Clause: The Rental Group understands and accepts all risks inherent in the use of Shepherd's Fold Ranch and the purpose for which it is being leased and voluntarily assumes all risk of loss, damage or injury including death by any or each of The Rental Group's guests, employees, or volunteers throughout the use of the facility due to any of their own acts without the fault or negligence of Shepherd's Fold Ranch, their officers, employees, or volunteers.

Furthermore, The Rental Group does hereby agree to hold harmless, indemnify, and release Shepherd's Fold Ranch from all claims or causes of action for damage to personal property, personal injury or death which may result from activities conducted at Shepherd's Fold Ranch by The Rental Group's guests, employees, or volunteers without the fault or negligence of Shepherd's Fold Ranch, their officers, employees or volunteers.

GROUP POLICIES

Orientation: The Rental Group agrees to take part in an orientation by a Shepherd's Fold staff member soon after arrival. The orientation covers basic facility and guest guidelines. The signer accepts the responsibility of following through to ensure compliance with the guidelines set forth in the orientation.

Camp Rules: Under no circumstance are alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illicit drugs, firearms, fireworks, and pets allowed on Shepherd's Fold Ranch property during a group retreat.

Sound Curfew: Please respect the 10:00pm sound curfew by not amplifying any music or sounds past then without staff consent. All camp users bring personal property onto the premises at their own risk.

Personal Property: Shepherd's Fold Ranch is not liable for loss, damage or theft of personal property. All lost and found items should be turned in to the camp office.

Music: If the retreat group is playing music as part of your program, please remember that all music should be honoring of God. Please have a conversation with the Director or your host with any questions.

Behavior: The Rental Group leader is responsible to inform The Rental Group of their duty to respect SFR's property, staff, other guests and policies. Guests are to conduct themselves in a way that furthers the happiness and well-being of their fellow guests and without damage to SFR property.

Staff to Student Ratio: Shepherd's Fold recommends for any age group a 1 to 7 is the ideal ratio for staff to student. If that is not possible please communicate with the Retreat Director to discuss alternative solutions.

Facilities & Cleaning: The Rental Group participants are asked to keep the grounds and buildings clean and neat at all times. The Rental Group is required to clean their cabins before departure and if rented, the kitchen, or will be charged a cleaning fee. Cleaning instructions and supplies are in each facility. Cleaning charges are: \$250 for the Farmhouse Dining Halls, \$100 for The Mac conference room, \$100 per Ranch Camp Cabin, \$50 per Treehouse Village Cabin.

Please report any damage or anything not working properly during the retreat. The Rental Group is responsible to pay for any damage caused during their retreat. Shepherd's Fold staff will check each facility before The Rental Group arrives and note any damages existing before your group comes. Fire extinguishers are to be untouched except in case of emergency. If we find fire extinguishers which have been discharged, there will be a \$75 per extinguisher recharge fee.

Waterfront:

- 1) Canoes, kayaks and paddleboats are available for guest group use. Every person in a watercraft must wear an appropriate sized life jacket.
- 2) Please carry (do not drag) boats and canoes to the water.
- 3) Please make sure to put all life jackets, paddles, oars and other equipment back on the racks in the pond shed after each usage.
- 4) A registered lifeguard (American Red Cross or other certifying body approved by Shepherd's Fold staff) must be on duty for all swimming activities. Depending on availability, Shepherd's Fold Ranch may provide a lifeguard for The Rental Group for an extra charge of \$14/hour per lifeguard.

Ropes Course: Shepherd's Fold Ranch has a ropes/challenge course on the property. If The Rental Group is interested in utilizing this as an activity, please see the SFR

Rental Information Guide for rates and contact the director in advance for availability. Otherwise, this area is off limits to The Rental Group.

Camp Store: Shepherd's Fold Ranch operates a camp store called Top Rail which carries a wide variety of candy, drinks popcorn, soda, snacks, etc. as well as SFR sweatshirts, t-shirts and more. Just mention that you would like to have the camp store opened and we can co-ordinate store time.

Health Policy: Shepherd's Fold Ranch is not responsible for having a medical professional available for The Rental Group. Leaders are advised to have a medical professional or person certified in First Aid / CPR present. The Rental Group leaders should have a health information sheet completed for each person attending the retreat. This should include names, addresses, emergency contacts, health information & permission to treat minors as well as any special medical conditions. The Rental Group must provide its own first aid kits and medical supplies. Please be prepared to handle any medical emergencies within your group. Transportation for medical care is also the responsibility of The Rental Group and Shepherd's Fold staff can be utilized to arrange emergency medical care and assistance.

The Red Cross suggests these contents for a first aid kit: absorbent compress dressings (5 x 9 inches), adhesive bandages (assorted sizes), adhesive cloth tape, antibiotic ointment packets, antiseptic wipe packets, packets of aspirin, blanket (space blanket), breathing barrier (with one-way valve), instant cold compress, pair of nonlatex gloves, hydrocortisone ointment packets, Scissors, roller bandages (3 inches wide), roller bandages (4 inches wide), sterile gauze pads, Oral thermometer (non-mercury/nonglass), triangular bandages, Tweezers, First aid instruction booklet.

This list is not exhaustive. Please consult a medical professional for assistance in procuring an appropriate medical kit.

In Case of Emergency: In case of fire or medical emergency, please call 911 and then notify the camp staff person on call. For facility-related issues, you should contact the host directly.

Responsibility: If The Rental Group is underwritten by no formal organization or fellowship, the undersigned agrees to be held individually responsible for the financial obligation on this contract.