

Dear Horseback Riding Adventurer,

Thank you for registering for the Horseback Riding Overnight Adventure. Below are details about the trip:

**Where & When to Meet:**

-**On Thursday, April 1:** Meet at the Swaim Park small picnic shelter on Cooper Rd at the top parking lot. \*Please arrive between **8:45 - 9:00 a.m.** to allow for check in. Once everyone has checked in at the Swaim Park small picnic shelter, we will all board the bus.

-**On Friday, April 2:** Pick up is at the Recreation Annex Building which is at 10115 Montgomery Rd. next to Montgomery Park and City Hall area at 4:30 p.m. If we encounter an unforeseen delay in returning from the trip (ie. traffic) we will contact you on your emergency contact phone number to give you an update on our return time. -Transportation is by bus.

**What to bring:**

-Required items: boots (these are a necessity since it may be muddy!), jeans, tie on shoes, hat & gloves (since we may take a nature walk in the woods), blanket and a zip up sleeping bag. For our sleeping arrangements (bunkhouse style) a zip up sleeping bag is a must. We recommend to wear sweat clothes as pajamas. We recommend to be prepared for any type of weather ie). rainjacket/poncho for rainy conditions, an extra towel to dry off in case of wet weather and extra socks.

**-Also Required: 2 completed waiver forms are required at the time of check-in:**

1. City of Montgomery Recreation Department Form Emergency Medical Release Authorization and Consent Form
2. Spotted Horse Recreation waiver form.

Be sure to complete each section of the forms. These are available online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org) and they are also attached to the email. If we do not have these completed forms, your child will not go on the trip.

-Some of our group (probably the boys) will be staying in a bunkhouse and the girls in a cabin at Spotted Horse Ranch. This is subject to change based on our participants. We are going to be "like real cowboys" and we are not showering. So, items for showering will not be needed. Basic toiletries are sufficient to wash your face etc. in the sink.

-Snacks, drinks and food (specifically: Thursday lunch, snacks and dinner and Friday breakfast, lunch and snacks), will be provided however, your child may bring his/her own snacks and drinks if you wish. If the weather is good, we will roast hotdogs and marshmallow on the camp fire. We will have breakfast in the morning which may be pancakes and juice. Lunches will be sandwiches.

-Bring any needed prescribed medication as you may have listed on the City of Montgomery Recreation Department Medical Release and Consent forms. You may contact Julie Machon prior to the trip if you would like to discuss medication needs.

**Who to contact/Location Information:**

-The trip is led by the City of Montgomery Recreation staff. Our contact information is:

**Julie Machon, Assistant Recreation Director, office phone 792-8316, Cell Phone for Day of Trip is: 513-295-3399 & Amber Morris, Recreation Director, Cell Phone 513-476-4825.** We took a group of kids on this trip in 2009 and had a great time. Please don't hesitate to call us for any reason.

-We are headed to: Spotted Horse Ranch in the Hocking Hills area of southern Ohio. The address is 17325 Deffenbaugh Rd, Laurelville, Ohio 43135. The estimated travel time is 2 hour and 5 minutes. The Spotted Horse Ranch phone number is 1-740-332-RIDE. We will travel back to the Annex on Friday and plan to return at approximately 4:30 p.m.

**Other information:**

- Safety is our #1 priority. We will begin with an introduction to horsemanship.

-We are allowing a maximum of 15 kids on the trip.

-Four chaperones include two City of Montgomery Recreation staff and two City of Montgomery police officers. All four of us went on the trip in 2009 and had a great time! We will be actively watching the group and will be riding with the kids. Our second priority is to have fun!

-During our downtime, we will be playing games and doing other group activities. Kids can bring a non-electronic game they enjoy and are willing to share if they want to and would be responsible for.

-We look forward to the trip. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 513-792-8316, on my work cell at 513-295-3399 or at [jmachon@ci.montgomery.oh.us](mailto:jmachon@ci.montgomery.oh.us).

Sincerely,

Julie Machon, Assistant Recreation Director