



The Journey

Impact Ranch P.O. Box 533 Mona, UT 84645 (435) 623-2825

Dear Parents:

We are anxious to meet your child and welcome him to our program! The purpose of this letter is to inform you of what will be happening throughout the next 45-60 days of your child's stay. Our mission is to use work and wilderness to instill and enhance a true sense of direction in each student's life. We welcome each parent to be actively involved in their child's progress and experience as much as possible. A guide will be assigned to your child and will have open communication with you once every week to give you updates on how he is progressing. Students who wish to graduate from the program at 45 days are required to go above and beyond consistently. We will extend students for lack of personal progress, disobeying rules, noncompliance, failing to do journal assignments, values assignments or for earning poor scores.

This is a diversion program for teen boys between the ages of 12 and 18. It is a farm/outdoor work experience program, with a wilderness flavor. Elements of work and outdoor activities will be combined to provide a unique educational experience for your child. The work element of our program gives your child the opportunity to work off community service, restitution hours and fines. Students will have the opportunity to work at The Impact Ranch where they will take care of a variety of ranch animals and participate in the daily milking of the cow. Students will also have the opportunity to work at off campus work projects include training llamas, working for the forest service, and other community service opportunities.

The wilderness aspect of the program is about 2-3 weeks where your child will sleep in a large yurt. They will be provided with warm sleeping bag, blankets and a sleeping mat. They will also have the opportunity to participate in a 6-day handcart trek. Your child will learn outdoors wilderness skills including; bow drill fires, map orientation, outdoors cooking and shelter building. The purpose of the outdoor element of our program is to give the students an opportunity to be out in nature where they can build confidence, set goals, and focus their lives.

Saturdays will include recreational activities if the youth have earned them. If not, they will have a work assignment. Service projects, and off-site field trips will also take place. Social skills development group will be held on most Saturdays and Sundays. Sundays will be less active and allow time for homework, reading, and worship. A 30-minute visit with ONLY parents or guardians is allowed every other Sunday, but not required. If a visit can not be arranged a 15-minute phone call can be made in place of the visit. The visit appointments are to be made with the guide the week before the visit to avoid congestion during visiting hours.

Your child will be expected to behave appropriately and will be recognized and rewarded for his behavior. He will be rated on his daily performance on a scale of 1 to 4, and will keep a journal of his progress, feelings and goals. A list of belongings for your child is provided below. We ask that you do not send more or less.

Please send only the following clothing items with your child:

WINTER: (1 September to 1 March)

- 10 Pairs of Socks (cotton and wool)
- 10 Boxers or Briefs
- 2 Pairs of Thermals (tops and bottoms)
- 1 Plain Sweatshirt No Hoodie (NO LOGOS- NOT RED/BLUE)
- 1 Winter Coat (NO LOGOS- NOT RED/BLUE)
- 1 Pair of Hiking Boots
- 1 Pair of Sports Shoes (NOT RED/BLUE)

SUMMER: (2 March to 31 August)

- 10 Pairs of Socks
- 10 Boxers or Briefs

- 1 Pair of Hiking Boots
- 1 Pair of Sport Shoes (not white)
- 1 Plain Sweatshirt No Hoodie (NO LOGOS- NOT RED/BLUE)

INVENTORY LIST FOR THE JOURNEY IMPACT RANCH

The items that your child will need while at The Journey Impact Ranch will be dependent on the season. Please see the following list of dates for your child's needs.

Sunglasses, jewelry, body spray or cologne are not permitted on the premises. If there is an item that does not reach the standards of The Journey Impact Ranch the items will be withheld from your student and returned when he leaves the program. Please mark and label your child's name on all of the items you send to The Journey Impact Ranch.-----NO RED OR BLUE COLORED CLOTHING ARTICLES-----

----- The Journey Impact Ranch will provide basic Hygiene Kits, Overalls, Beanie or Sun Hat, Stamps, Envelopes and School Supplies.

We encourage you to write to your child and offer positive feedback during their stay. Students may only send and receive mail from family. If siblings want to write, the letter must be included with the parents letter. We ask that you not bring any gifts or food to your child when you come to visit. Please do not send care packages to your child, as it will create inequality among the students. When you come for Sunday visits we ask that only parents come, no siblings or grandparents! Feel free to call with any questions or concerns you may have. This will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn, grow and find a new journey in life.

Sincerely,

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