

Ranch Guidelines

... these apply to everybody!



The Son and Reins Ranch is committed to providing a safe facility and environment for all participants, volunteers, staff and visitors. These "Facility Rules" are meant for your safety, physical AND emotional, as well as the safety of others, and the safety of all animals. It's hard to have fun, learn and grow when we're hurt, so we thank you for abiding by these guidelines shown below in no particular order:

This is a family-friendly environment. No inappropriate language, drugs, alcohol, smoking or unacceptable behavior will be tolerated. We retain the right and discretion to immediately dismiss anyone from this facility.

When you arrive, please park DOWNHILL from the *green* truck (or downhill from the next vehicle), parking perpendicular to the driveway and *just off* the driveway in the field (no need to pull 20' into the field).

**The exception is if you're injured, you can let Sharron know so she can move the horses and you can park by the barn.*

After parking, you'll walk up the hill towards the tack room (the little red building) behind the house. You will never need to go to the house itself, or into the gated backyard. There's a patio near the tack room where you'll be greeted before your session.

Please wait for a volunteer before entering the horse area and before giving the horses treats.

You're welcome to bring horse treats, but please leave them in the tack room until the end of the session. **Do not ever go out with the horses with treats in your pockets.** People are welcome to give the horses treats with either a bucket or a *FLAT* hand.

The white string on the inside of the fencing is an electric fence, so please beware before reaching over or through the fence.

There is access to a clean and private compost toilet and a wash station at this facility.

This is a **SMOKE FREE** environment. If necessary, you may vape at your vehicle.

This facility has an open barn that serves as a small indoor arena, two indoor seating areas (barn and cabin), multiple patios and outdoor seating areas. Please be respectful of each space.

Please note there are dogs at this property so if that's a problem please let Sharron know before you arrive.

Anybody who has a weapon in their vehicle, we ask that you please leave it in your *locked* vehicle during your session.

For all participants, please leave all electronics in your vehicle, including earbuds. The exception – for adults only -- is if there's an urgent situation happening where somebody might need to reach you quickly, then you can have your phone with you, otherwise please give yourself a chance to unplug and just be in the moment!

Volunteers/ Session leaders will have their phones on them (muted) in case anything happens, and also to take photos during their sessions.

Anybody entering the horse pasture must have on closed-toed shoes (except Sharron 😊) AND must have completed paperwork including a signed liability release form.

PLEASE be on time for your sessions, and let Sharron know ASAP if you are not going to be able to make your session.

If WE need to cancel your session for any reason, we'll let you know the day before.

Shorts and tank tops are fine to wear so long as all undergarments are covered.

In the summer, please come prepared with a water bottle, bug spray, sunscreen, and a hat. In the fall, please come prepared with layers of clothing.

Whoever brings a minor to the Ranch for sessions, must stay on the premises while the session is taking place.

Waiting parents and siblings must remain outside the pasture fence, unless they are invited in by the participant and volunteer, and siblings must be supervised at all times.

No volunteer and participant should ever be out of sight of others.

This is and will continue to be a safe place for everybody! Therefore, we ask that you refrain from discussing politics or wearing political paraphernalia. We also ask that anything that is shared at the Ranch, stays at the Ranch, and that you respect people's confidentiality.

It is our hope and desire that everybody who comes to the Ranch feels welcome, accepted, safe and comfortable. For this reason, *we ask that you please refrain from swearing, telling inappropriate jokes, sharing strong political views, etc.* If you ever feel like we have not created this kind of environment, please let us know by providing that feedback to Sharron or one of her volunteers.

For all volunteers, please bring any concerns, problems, questions, or suggestions directly to Sharron.

For all parents and participants, if you have any concerns, problems, questions, or suggestions, feel free to bring them directly to Sharron, OR to any adult volunteer.