

Laramie River Ranch Application For Employment
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Employment Introduction :

The Laramie River Ranch is a small dude ranch with a typical occupancy of 25 guests. Our size allows us to give each guest our personal attention as they ride horses, fish, and participate in our naturalist led activities. This personal attention sets us apart from other types of vacations. It is not uncommon for a guest to tell us that this was the best vacation their family has ever had. It will be your goal to make that the case for every guest.

We have high standards for the quality of service our guests receive. Consequently, we have equally high expectations for performance of our employees. First and foremost we are looking for employees that are warm, outgoing, and have strong communication and interpersonal skills. They must not be afraid of long hours and hard work. All positions require employees that are organized, willing to take initiative and pay close attention to detail. Employees must get along well with others, work well as part of a team, and have a "can do" attitude.

Employment at a guest ranch can be hard work, but it's also a great deal of fun. You will have the opportunity to meet people from across the country and around the world. During time off, you are welcome to join in ranch activities including riding, fishing, and our naturalist program. You will have the opportunity to explore the surrounding area, camp, go white water rafting, visit Rocky Mountain National Park, or climb one of Colorado's peaks.

If this combination of hard work, commitment and fun in the spectacular Rocky Mountains of northern Colorado interests you, we invite you to submit an application.

Eligibility :

Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age on the day they begin work.

All applicants are required to complete form Federal Form I-9 to verify their eligibility to work in the United States *before they start work*. A variety of identification can be used to meet the requirements of the form including a valid driver's license and an original social security card. A valid passport is an acceptable alternative. Foreign students can complete this form with their valid passport, visa, and their original U.S. Social Security card.

We are happy to consider non-citizens who possess strong English language skills as well as documentation from an accredited work abroad program.

Wranglers, naturalist, children's counselor, and office staff are required to have Adult & Infant CPR and First Aid certification for the duration of their employment when they arrive.

The wrangler, naturalist, children's counselor, au pair, and campfire cook/prep cook need to have a valid United States driver's license. Your license will be submitted to our insurance company prior to your employment to be sure you are eligible for coverage.

Pay & Hours :

Pay rates will be established when a job offer is made. We pay you based on the hours you work, not a salary as is the case at some ranches. Overtime is paid at a rate of 1.5 times base pay for each hour over twelve hours in a day or forty hours in a week. All employees work a six day week. Employees are paid biweekly. See job descriptions below for our estimate of the hours associated with each position.

Housing and Meals :

We have simple bunkhouse style accommodations. Bathrooms and showers are in our nearby lodge. You will have as many as four roommates. Crew are expected to keep their living area picked up and clean. Employees are not allowed to have overnight guests stay in the employee housing. No pets are allowed. Bed linens, pillows, and towels are provided. Washers and dryers are shared by housekeeping, guests, and staff. Hours of operation will be posted.

Crew breakfast is served a half-hour before the guests eat. Crew eats both lunch and dinner with guests. Our wait and kitchen staff eat before or after meals and will not be able to eat meals with guests unless it is their day off.

Appearance :

The ambiance at the Laramie River Ranch is western. We expect our employees to come prepared to dress in that style and maintain a neat and clean appearance at all times. Tee shirts, shorts, and baseball caps are not allowed. Kitchen staff may wear professional kitchen clothing. Aprons must be removed before leaving the kitchen and interacting with guests. Employees wear Oxford or western style shirts that button down the front, preferably long sleeved, and all shirts must be in good condition, be long enough to be tucked in, be worn tucked in, and must be clean, ironed and neat. Western style jeans are appropriate attire and are required when riding. Jeans that are overly baggy, bell-bottomed, tattered or torn will not be allowed. Allowable footwear includes riding boots, hiking boots, and sneakers in good condition. Boots with a heel and smooth sole are required for riding. Employees with long hair must keep it restrained while on duty so that it does not fall forward. Those arriving with extreme hair color and/or style will be asked to make modifications. Jewelry, perfume and make-up worn on duty must be conservative. Male employees are expected to be shaven when arriving to work each day. A beard or mustache must be neatly trimmed and if you have not arrived with one, you will not grow one during the season. Employees will be expected to follow this dress code any time they are in the presence of guests whether or not they are on the clock.

Ranch Life :

After a hard day of work, you'll find yourself hanging out with the rest of the crew. Day to day, it is a relaxing "unplugged" existence. Past crews have played volleyball, softball, and hiked or fished. Some set up regular card games, Pictionary competitions, and other board game tournaments. Some read. There are opportunities to attend Laramie Jubilee Days rodeo events, Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeos and concerts by top performers, and white water river rafting.

There is a small cabin among our crew accommodations that has been set up as a place to hang out and socialize. There is a small fridge and a microwave. The cabin has a TV and DVD player. No cable or satellite TV is available on the ranch.

Mail & Phones & Internet :

Our postal delivery takes place only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Employees pick up mail from the ranch store after work or while on break.

Telephone service is provided using microwave towers. During the day we are limited to one telephone line for guests and staff. A second line becomes available during the evening. Outgoing long distance calls can be placed using calling cards, by calling collect, or by calling toll-free numbers. Discounted calling cards are available in our ranch store. Incoming calls on the staff line are taken by an answering machine and delivered to staff with their postal mail.

We do not have computer facilities for the crew. A WIFI hotspot is available on ranch if you have a WIFI capable laptop. Internet service on the ranch is provided via satellite, so bandwidth and total traffic are limited. High speed internet access is available in Laramie.

Transportation :

We are a remote ranch. Past employees have emphasized that it is advantageous to have your own transportation. If you do not have a vehicle, we will make arrangements to pick you up in Laramie when you arrive at the beginning of the summer and to drop you off in Laramie when you leave at the end of the season. We cannot pick you up in Denver and public transportation from Denver to Laramie is poor. During the summer you must find your own transportation if you are interested in going to town or visiting the surrounding area.

Drugs & Alcohol :

No smoking or chewing will be allowed while you are working. Cigarettes and chew containers must not be carried on your person while on the job. Smoking or chewing must take place in the crew cabin area, outside the buildings and not in the presence of guests. For employees 21 and older, alcohol use must be discreet and after work hours only. Illegal use of drugs or alcohol is not permitted. No "smoking breaks" are provided.

Job Descriptions

All Positions :

Our ranch community is made up of the Burleigh family and eighteen summer employees. In addition to the details of the job descriptions below you will be asked to participate in other ranch duties. We may ask you to help plant a garden, fix a fence, or clean up the area around the crew cabins. We schedule all our employees for an occasional volleyball game against our guests and occasional appearances for square dancing Thursday nights. These activities are paid, of course, but they are not optional. It is all part of life in our ranch community.

Wrangler :

We get guests from around the world with lots of different levels of riding experience. Our goal is to provide them with a safe, enjoyable, and educational horseback riding experience.

We are looking for motivated, observant, and friendly people. Safety is the first priority, but wranglers do not just ride along for safety. They are there to give instruction and to act as tour guides. Guests like to talk about riding, the ranch, wildlife, and the personal histories of the wranglers. It's your job to interact with guests to make each ride safe, educational, and fun.

Wranglers round up horses each morning, groom, saddle, guide guests on trail rides, give guests instruction in basic horsemanship, train horses, perform barn and tack maintenance, trail maintenance, fencing, and general ranch chores. As part of the training process for our wranglers, we will be holding a natural horsemanship clinic with a Parelli trained instructor.

In order to provide adequate time for training wranglers and horses before guests arrive, we need to have them start by May 17, 2010. We need one position to run through August 21, 2010, two positions through September 25, 2010, and one through October 2, 2010. A wrangler's typical week will be forty five to sixty hours over six days.

Chef :

The chef is responsible for the preparation, presentation, and timely delivery of three meals per day including cookouts, baked goods, and daily appetizers before dinner. Many of these responsibilities including most breakfasts and the outdoor meals are delegated to one of our prep cooks. The chef is also responsible for the maintenance of a clean work space, your pots and pans, proper food handling, cooling, and storage regimes.

A seven-day menu and recipes are provided by the ranch as a starting point. New recipes and significant menu changes are to be discussed with the owners before they are put into place. Changes, enhancements, and new recipes will be documented by the chef for the future use of the ranch. You are welcome to call them your own and take them with you when you leave. If you feel uncomfortable documenting your personal recipes for the ranch's future use, simply do not introduce them during the summer.

In order to provide adequate time for training before guests arrive and to feed employees who arrive in early May, the chef must be able to start by May 17, 2010 and must be able to work through October 2, 2010. The chef's typical week will be fifty-five to sixty-five hours over six days.

Prep Cooks :

The prep cook's role is the most diverse in the kitchen. Prep cooks clean dishes, pots, and pans and assist the chef with the production of meals and baked goods. Other miscellaneous duties include putting away food deliveries and the cleaning of work areas, coolers, and floors.

Under the supervision of the chef you will prepare several breakfasts each week, appetizers, salads, juices and drinks, dressings and sauces like our homemade salad dressings, and more.

On the cook's day off the prep cooks are responsible for all three meals for the day. You will be expected to provide feedback to the chef on recipes and inventory levels.

One of our prep cooks has the option of being designated our campfire cook. The campfire cook responsibilities include packing for, transportation, set up, cooking, and clean up for our lunch ride.

Our campfire cook must be able to start May 27, 2010 and work through September 25, 2010. Our two other prep cooks must be able to start May 27, 2010. One prep cook can finish August 21, 2010 while the other must be able to work through September 25, 2010. A prep cook's typical week will be fifty to sixty hours over six days.

Children's Counselor :

The children's counselor is responsible for supervision and entertainment of our younger guests. The majority of the counselor's time is spent with kids under the age of six because these kids are not old enough to participate in our riding program or to attend our naturalist activities unaccompanied. We've developed a list of age-appropriate activities to draw from including pony rides, attending naturalist activities with your young guests, hikes, outdoor and indoor games and crafts, swimming, etc.

The children's counselor often has some free time when no activities are scheduled with kids. It's not unusual to have weeks where we don't have any young people to supervise. During these periods you, along with the naturalist, will be responsible for mowing lawns, weeding gardens, daily watering, filling bird feeders, stocking the wood pile, general grounds work and maintenance projects. You may also be called upon to pick up guests from the airport or help out in other positions as necessary.

Experience with and enthusiasm for kids is required for this position! We need a candidate who can start work by May 31, 2010 and work through August 21, 2010. The counselor's typical week is forty to fifty hours over six days.

Naturalist :

Our naturalist coordinates activities for both adults and kids - including hikes and nature walks, birding, hunting for wild flowers, orienteering, star gazing with talks on the myths behind the constellations, evening presentations on local history, and other games and projects.

We have a well developed program which you will be asked to learn. We also welcome suggestions for new activities or improvements to our current program. Some activities will be focused on children so you must have a high level of energy and enjoy working with kids.

The naturalist also participates in our weekly overnight including set up, a hike for guests at the site, and tear down once the overnight guests leave for the ranch the next morning.

The naturalist often has some free time when no activities are scheduled or guests choose not to go out on hikes. During these periods you, along with the children's counselor, will be responsible for mowing lawns, weeding gardens, daily watering, filling bird feeders, stocking the wood pile, general grounds work and maintenance projects. You may also be called upon to pick up guests from the airport or help out in other positions as necessary.

We need our naturalist to start work by May 20, 2010 and work through August 21, 2010. If you can work later into September let us know. That would be preferable. The typical week is forty to fifty hours over a six-day work week.

Guest Services - Housekeeping / Wait Staff :

A team of three guest services crew members share responsibility for waiting tables, cleaning guest rooms, and cleaning our public spaces.

Wait duties include set-up, waiting, and bussing tables for three meals a day. Breakfasts are served to order, so there is some order taking. Most lunches and dinners are served family style so the process is more like bringing out a Thanksgiving dinner than working in a restaurant. There is a lot of interaction with the guests during meals which makes this part of the job fun.

Morning housekeeping duties between breakfast and lunch involve cleaning up the guests' rooms - making beds, cleaning bathroom sinks, toilets, tubs or showers, and sweeping the floor. After lunch has been cleared, public spaces cleaning includes sweeping floors, cleaning windows of kid's cookie fingerprints, dusting, and general tidying up of our living rooms, office, and porches in the lodge. Mopping of floors, cleaning outside windows, constructing fires in the fire place and other duties also take place during the week as needed.

Finally, when we're all caught up on our serving and cleaning duties there are tasks around the ranch that you will participate in with other crew members. For example, in the spring we prepare the gardens in and around the ranch and return occasionally to weed.

One of the benefits of this position is that most of the work gets done by early afternoon, giving the guest services staff more opportunities to ride horses, participate in other activities, or relax.

All of our guest services positions start May 27, 2010. We need one person to work through August 22, 2010, one to work through September 26, 2010, and one position to work through October 2, 2010. The guest services staff typically work forty to fifty-five hours over six days.

Au Pair :

The Au Pair will provide child care for the owners' two boys who will be 11 and 8 in 2010. General housekeeping including vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, dusting, laundry, and ironing will also be part of this position. The au pair will work approximately forty to fifty hours over a six day work week, and will need to be able to work for the period May 29, 2010 through August 21, 2010.

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Name: _____
Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Permanent address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Current address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email : _____

To which address should we send correspondence: [] School or [] Home

What college do (did) you attend? _____
What is (was) your college major? _____ Minor: _____
What year of school are you in? _____ GPA: _____
Degree(s) already earned: _____

Are you at least 18 years old? _____ Date of Birth * _____
Height* _____ Weight* _____ Marital status* _____ Male/Female* _____
* These are optional questions - but we need this information for certain positions and for housing arrangements.

Position desired: _____ or _____
Earliest date you can start work: _____ Must leave by: _____
Do you have a current CPR card? _____ First Aid card? _____
Other medical training? _____

Do you know of anything that could prevent you from doing the job for which you are applying? ___ If yes, please explain on a separate piece of paper.

Have you ever worked on a dude ranch or resort? _____ Which? _____
Do you know someone who was a guest or who was on our staff? _____ Who? _____
Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____.

If you wish, you may attach a photo of yourself (Optional). Photos will not be returned.

References From Your Last Three Employers:

We check all references. Please give us your signature to indicate your permission to call and ask your references for information about you. Signed _____

1. Name of firm: _____ From: _____ To: _____
Job: _____
Supervisor: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Describe your job and responsibilities:

2. Name of firm: _____ From: _____ To: _____
Job: _____
Supervisor: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Describe your job and responsibilities:

3. Name of firm: _____ From: _____ To: _____
Job: _____
Supervisor: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Describe your job and responsibilities:

Please complete the following essay questions on a separate sheet of paper.

If you have a resume please attach it to your application.

Drivers License information for positions that require driving as part of your job :

The wrangler, naturalist, children's counselor, au pair, and campfire cook/prep cook need to have a valid United States driver's license.

Your license will be submitted to our insurance company prior to your employment to be sure you are eligible for coverage.

Driver's License Information

Name as it appears on your driver's license _____

Issuing State _____

Driver's license number _____ Expiration _____

I, _____, give Laramie River Ranch permission to research my driving record and my eligibility to be covered under their insurance.

Signature

Date

Essay Questions :

We would like to know more about you so please be as thorough as possible.

1. Are you a member of any clubs or teams? If so, have you held any positions of office? Please give details about what you did as a member and/or an officer.
2. Describe two situations in which you exhibit the following qualities: Leadership, organization, and attention to detail.
3. What do you like to do with your free time (hobbies, sports etc.)?
4. What are your qualifications for the job? Include both strengths and weaknesses.
5. How could you contribute to giving our guests the best vacation they've ever had?
6. Do you play a musical instrument or have any other talents that could be used to entertain our guests?
7. What prompted you to apply for a job with a guest ranch?
8. What are your goals for the summer?
9. Have you ever been in a difficult situation with a manager? If so, please describe the situation and what you did to resolve it.
10. Have you ever been in a difficult situation with a colleague? If so, please describe the situation and what you did to resolve it.
11. Some people like to work with the public. Others are more comfortable behind the scenes. Which do you prefer? Are you capable of doing both?

Signature _____ Date: _____