

Youth Camp
1170 Youth Camp Lane
Pierson, FL 32180
(386) 749-9999

Caruth Camp
14770 SE US Hwy. 19 N.
Inglis, FL 34449
(352) 447-2259

**Two Camp Locations
Serving the
Children of Florida**

Our Vision

Young men and women who, because of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, are able to face the future with a sense of direction, ability, and hope.

Our Mission

To prevent delinquency and develop strong, lawful, resilient and productive citizens who will make a positive contribution to our communities for years to come.

Our Values

- **Children First!**
- **Integrity...Doing the right thing for the right reasons at the right time**
- **Quality...Doing nothing less than our best, every day in every way**
- **Stewardship...Taking responsibility for the assets that have been provided for the benefit of children through the gifts and sacrifices of others**
- **Character... Building successful youth and staff through development of positive character traits**

**FLORIDA SHERIFFS
YOUTH RANCHES, INC.®**

Summer Camp



Your Camping Session is:



**Register online at:
www.youthranches.org**



Summer Camping Program:

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches will be conducting five and six day sessions of summer camp at each of its two locations. The goal is to provide a wholesome atmosphere and positive camping experience for deserving boys and girls of Florida between the ages of 10 and 15.

The camp also provides an opportunity for Deputy Sheriffs and other Law Enforcement Volunteers to get personally involved with the youngsters and build positive, healthy relationships. Campers live in cabins while learning how to share and get along within a group setting. Every day contains a healthy balance between work and play, providing a valuable lesson for maturing youth.

Strong and devoted leadership is the key to a successful camping experience. The staff may include college students, graduates, teachers and other individuals committed to helping boys and girls become productive, law abiding citizens.

Summer Camp Goals:

- ★ Provide campers with opportunities to try new activities, learn new skills and make new friends.
- ★ Allow campers to interact with law enforcement officers in a positive manner and learn that "Law Officers are Your Friends".
- ★ Teach campers valuable teamwork skills through group living, group decision making and group building activities.

Camp Activities:

- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Sports
- ★ Canoeing
- ★ Skits/Songs
- ★ Archery
- ★ Challenge Course
- ★ Nature Hikes
- ★ Environmental Education
- ★ Games
- ★ Swimming
- ★ Awards Night
- ★ Campfire Activities
- ★ High Ropes Course
- ★ Water Safety

Special Demonstrations may include:

- ★ K-9 Units
- ★ Conservation and Wildlife Education
- ★ SWAT Teams
- ★ Helicopters



Process:

How do I apply for my child to attend summer camp?
To apply for summer camp, please follow these instructions:

1. Visit our website at www.youthranches.org.
2. Click on the "Summer Camp" button.
3. Sign up for an account.
4. Complete the online application form
5. Download the Program Release/Registration/Transportation Information form. Please have the form signed and notarized and return to us by mail.
6. Download the Medical Report form. Have your child's physician fill out, sign and date the Medical Report. Fill out the Medical History. Return both forms to us by mail.
7. Upload a current photo of your child.
8. Submit your completed online application. *(You may submit your application after downloading the required PDF forms and uploading a current photo of your child.)*

What should/shouldn't I tell the Youth Ranches about my child?

In the online application, where it asks questions about the child, please be honest. We want to know as much as we can about the child to determine if they would be successful at camp.



What if I can't get another physical?

Please try to get the physical filled out on our form. Talk to your doctor's office/health department and see if they can transfer the information to our form from the child's most recent physical. As long as the physical was completed within a year from the start of the camp session, it will be accepted.

Where do I mail the completed forms to?

Once your forms are completed, mail them to the camp indicated on the session label attached to the front of this brochure.

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When will I find out if my child/children are accepted?

Once the application is submitted and reviewed for eligibility, a letter of acceptance/denial/waiting list will be sent as soon as possible.

Camp Information:

Where is camp?

Caruth Camp is located at 14770 SE Highway 19 in Inglis, Florida, which is about 20 minutes north of Crystal River, in Levy County.

Youth Camp is located at 1170 Youth Camp Lane in Pierson, Florida, which is about 30 minutes west of Ormond Beach, in Volusia County.

How do we get there?

When your child is accepted to attend camp you will receive information about transportation options. If you live locally, you may need to provide your own transportation to and from camp.

Where do the kids sleep?

Campers sleep in cabins with 11 other children of the same gender and similar age. There are also two or three staff members (group leaders) who stay in the cabin with the campers. Campers are responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of their cabins, and other camp common areas throughout the camp experience.

What if my child doesn't like the food?

Each meal has kid friendly options and is approved by a dietitian. There are many options including: cereal bar, salad bar and always peanut butter and jelly.

What if my child gets homesick?

Homesickness is our camp nurse's specialty. We will try convincing the camper to stay, but if they are truly homesick, then we will call the parents to have them pick up the camper. **Please make sure that your camper is ready to commit to coming to camp for a whole week.**

Can my child call home?

Unfortunately, no. With over 70 campers on campus at a time and the amount of activities we have planned for a day, there simply is not time for everyone to call home. HOWEVER, IF A PARENT NEEDS TO CONTACT THEIR CHILD AT CAMP, PLEASE CALL DURING MEAL TIMES AT 8 AM OR 12:30 PM. The campers eat together in the chuck wagon and usually can take a quick break for a call from home. The number to call at Caruth Camp is 352-447-1151 or Youth Camp is 386-749-9843.



How much does it cost?

IT'S FREE! The only cost is your time in completing the application; getting it notarized, filling out the physical, and postage to mail it back to us.

Staff and other Campers:

What is the staff like?

The staff is recruited from all over the United States, and thoroughly background screened. They are typically college age and are working toward a degree in a field working with youth. They are energetic, compassionate about working with youth, and lots of fun!



What if my child doesn't know anyone?

Living in a cabin with 11 other campers, your child is likely to make new friends. There are other campers with similar interests who are just as nervous as your child about meeting new friends.

Are there both boys and girls there?

Each week 36 boys and 36 girls, ages 10 – 15, come to camp. There are both female and male staff members and of course, our Deputy Sheriffs.

Why are there Deputies at camp?

We have Deputies and School Resource Officers from around the state who volunteer to come to camp each summer. They are excited about joining your child at camp. **Our motto at camp is "Law Officers Are Your Friends".**

Campers May Bring:

****Modest Attire Required**

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| 5 pair of shorts | Pajamas |
| 1 pair of jeans | Laundry bag |
| 5 T-shirts | Raincoat/poncho |
| 7 pair of underwear | Hat |
| 7 pair of socks | Insect repellent (non-aerosol) |
| 2 pair tennis shoes | Toiletry articles |
| One-piece bathing suit | Sports water bottle |
| Suntan lotion (SPF 30+) | 3 large towels |
| 2 washcloths | Pillow |
| Blankets/sleeping bag | |

- **Clothing should cover and conceal body parts e.g. midriff, back, shoulders (2" wide shoulder straps minimum), chest, legs to mid-thigh or longer.**
- **Clothing should cover all undergarments.**
- **Shorts, skirts, or pants should be worn at natural waistline.**
- **Attire should not be sexually suggestive.**

If you do not own some of these items, please come to camp anyway!

Please DO NOT Bring:

- Smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs of any kind
- Aerosol products
- Knives, hatchets, guns or weapons
- Food, money, jewelry, expensive recreational equipment, radios, iPods, cell phones or any electronic devices. Such items will be held by the Camp Director in a secure location and returned at the end of the session.

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches will not be responsible for lost or misplaced items.

Important Information:

The only registration expense to the child's family is the cost for a physical examination and transportation to the designated drop-off/pick-up point. The physical form which must be completed within a year of the camp start date, must also be signed by a physician. If your child has physical, emotional, or other concerns, please note it on the application.

Each camper must have a Program Release Registration/Transportation form, signed by the legal guardian and a notary public. In case of an emergency, please provide an accurate phone number.

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