

White Horse Youth Ranch

Diamonds In The Rough Program Student Application

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____(h) _____(c)

1. Guardian Address: _____

City State Zip

2. Guardian Address: _____

City State Zip

Emergency Phone: _____ Contact Name _____

E-mail: _____

Student Phone: _____

Students Grade level: _____ Students GPA: _____

Students Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

School of Attendance: _____

If accepted to this program, all information such as addresses, E-mails and phone numbers must be kept current with the WHY Ranch. This is the responsibility of the family.

Diamond's In the Rough
Parental/Legal Guardian Information

The heart of White Horse Youth Ranch (WHY Ranch) is to provide the youth of Clark County with a unique and alternative after school program. Each student will go through an application and screening process. Once he/she is accepted into the program ***each student will attend one session every other week. If a student misses three sessions in a three month period of time he/she and his/her parent/legal guardian will be required to meet with the trainer to evaluate the situation and determine if the student should continue in the program.***

It is the Mission of WHY Ranch to educate minds, inspire creativity and encourage integrity for youth of our community through positive interaction with an American legend – the horse.

It is Our Philosophy: the trainer will focus on one child, one horse, for the majority of the time. We give close attention to each child while providing a safe learning experience. Each student is taught how to care for a horse (*such as preparing a horse to be ridden, how to brush a horse*), students are also taught horse safety and then receive riding lessons if they are chosen. We believe that interaction with horses builds self-esteem, self-awareness and gives hope for the future to each of the Youth who participant in our program. In order to encourage the family, we require a parent or legal guardian accompany the student during their WHY Ranch lessons, we believe that this helps the family in strengthening and/or rebuilding their bond. Both student and parent must make a commitment to this program to be successful.

This section to be completed by Parent/Legal Guardian:

If you are divorced, both custodial parents must sign all documents agreeing to terms and accepting liability.

Please tell us in your own words what constitutes your child as being “underprivileged” Please explain in detail: _____

Please describe your students Strengths and Weaknesses both academically and physically: _____

Are there any conflicts or barriers that would prevent you from regularly and consistently transporting your child to their WHY Ranch sessions?

_____ Yes _____ No

If Yes Please explain: _____

Are there any conflicts or barriers that would prevent you from committing your child to regularly, consistently attend and participation in the Diamonds in the Rough program? _____ Yes _____ No

If Yes Please explain: _____

Horseback riding is considered an inherently dangerous sport. The WHY Ranch and our professional trainers take every safety precaution possible to be proactive in protecting our riders and their horse. If accepted to this program, you will be signing a release of liability from the professional trainer and the White Horse Youth Ranch. Signatures of all guardians indicate agreement to participate and your understanding about the inherently dangerous nature of this sport.

*** Health insurance is required for your child. Please provide the WHY Ranch a copy of your child's insurance card**

Parents/Guardians, It is of utmost importance that students are present for all scheduled sessions. **You must be at the facility a minimum of 15 minutes before the class begins.** If your student is unable to attend for any reason it is your responsibility to inform WHY Ranch a *minimum* of 24 hours prior to their scheduled session. **Please initial** _____

Parents, Please complete and initial: I _____ accept and agree that all absences will be called in a minimum of 24 hours prior to scheduled sessions; if I do not reach a person I will leave a message informing WHY Ranch that my child will not be attending their scheduled session and why: **Please initial** _____ .

- ***If a student misses three sessions in a three month period of time he/she and their parent/legal guardian will be required to meet with their trainer to evaluate the situation and determine if the student should continue in the program.***

Request for Letters:

Parents: Please write us a letter, telling us about your child. Please include why you think your child is a fit for our Diamonds in the Rough Program, and what you would like to see them achieve from the program. As well as anything you think would be beneficial for us to know about your child and help us make an impact in their lives.

Teacher/counselor: Please write to us and tell us about _____, a _____ grade student in your class/school. Please share with us how they socially interact with others, any challenges they may be having both academically and/or socially as well as anything you feel would help us make the biggest impact on this child's life.

Student: Please write us a letter telling us about yourself, tell us why you would like to be a part of our Diamonds in the Rough program and what you would like to achieve from the program.

Are there any, emotional, physical or health limitations your child has? If yes, please explain.

As the parent/guardian of _____
I hereby accept all liability, understand the nature of this program and agree that my child may participate in the White Horse Youth Ranch Diamonds in the Rough program.

Parent/Guardian

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

This section to be completed by Students

Please answer True or False to the following:

1. Firm & gentle treatment will gain your horse's respect _____
2. Running or yelling does not startle or scare horse's _____
3. Never stand behind or directly in front of a horse _____
4. When tying a horse, be sure to use the reins, instead of the halter and lead rope _____
5. When leading a horse you should wrap the lead rope around your hand _____
6. Heels on boots prevent your feet from slipping through the stirrups _____
7. Helmets protect you from most head injuries _____
8. Horses should never be hand fed _____
9. You never need to check your equipment before you mount _____
10. Horses may spook when you adjust clothing or equipment therefore, dismount first _____
11. Long pants prevent sores on your legs _____
12. Sandals are best when riding a horse _____
13. Horses cannot see directly behind or in front without moving their head _____
14. when approaching your horse, you should scream and startle them. _____
15. When entering a horse's stall, you should gently place you hand on them _____
16. Always use a quick release knot and only tie to a solid object. _____
17. A hoof pick is used to clean out a horse's ears _____
18. You should speak to your horse before you approach them. _____
19. Saddling is done from the left side _____
20. Harsh or cruel treatment will make your horse fear you. _____