



Lighthouse Ranch for Boys

P.O. Box 238

Loranger, LA 70446-0238

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Enclosed, you will find the application information you requested. Please be sure the entire application is fully completed, **including all signatures where designated** before returning it to the ranch. The information you provide is very important to us in the process of evaluating our ability to meet the needs of your boy. For this reason, we are not able to accept applications that have not been filled out completely. **Blanks are simply NOT acceptable.** If a question does not apply to you, mark the spot with N/A—but do not leave it blank! Applications with incomplete entries will not be accepted or processed.

You will also find several informational forms that provide a wealth of information about the ranch. Please take a few minutes to review this information to better acquaint yourself with the policies and procedures we follow at the ranch. You will also find a “Admissions Steps” list to help you complete the process of admission into the ranch.

When returning your application, a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) is required to cover the cost of processing. Also include a copy of the boy’s birth certificate and a current (within 3 months) photograph.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call at: 985-878-6560

In His Service,

Lighthouse Ranch for Boys



Information Fact Sheet

"IN COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 (P.L. 88-352)
NO PERSONS SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SERVICES OF LIGHTHOUSE
RANCH FOR BOYS ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN."

BOYS WE SERVE: Please note that each candidate is considered on an individual basis and the following information is simply a guideline for the types of children we generally accept. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

- Boys age 14– 18
- IQ of 70 or above
- Boys with mild to moderate emotional and/or behavioral problems, such as depression, anxiety, oppositional/defiant behavior, lying, stealing, school conduct problems, academic underachievement, poor social skills, issues related to past abuse, poor anger management, poor self-image, etc. Boys exhibiting more severe problems will be evaluated on an individual, case-by-case basis.
- No active suicidal or homicidal threats, ideation, or behavior currently or in recent history.
- No drug/alcohol dependencies
- No history of sexual offending behavior or sexual perpetration

RULES: Each resident is required to comply with a comprehensive set of rules that will be explained fully to him at time of admission. The following are some of the common rules often asked about by parents.

1. The ranch is a **MINIMUM** 18 month program
2. Visits are allowed based on the boys behavior
3. The first visit is not allowed until **at least 90 days after admission**
4. Only Parents/Grandparents are allowed to visit with resident
5. Visits are on property only and are limited to a maximum of 1 day beginning at 12:00 pm
6. ALL visiting siblings must be pre-approved prior to visit by the Director.
7. Residents are allowed one 10-minute phone call every 2 weeks.
8. Phone calls are allowed only from Parent or Guardian or Pastor.
9. No Outgoing calls are allowed.
10. **All** mail is strictly monitored.
11. Incoming and Outgoing mail is read prior to delivery for proper content.
12. Any mail that is perceived as harmful to resident's progress **is not delivered** and is placed in the residents file.
13. Absolutely **NO** Baggy or Loose fitting clothing.
14. No wide-leg pants.
15. No expensive apparel (such as Polo, Tommy Hilfiger, etc.) Please do **NOT** send such items, as we will **NOT** allow **ANY** boy to have them. If that is all he owns, perhaps it would be a good time to go shopping.

Tuition is due monthly by the 15th of each month. **Tuition does NOT include incidentals (such as school charges, haircuts, dry cleaning, doctor visits, toiletries, etc.)** There is a \$30.00 returned check fee for NSF checks. A \$150.00 room deposit is required prior to arrival and will be returned upon leaving the program providing no damage was done to ranch property by resident.



Information Admissions Steps

Step One—Your Part of the Process

1. Complete Lighthouse Ranch Application Packet
2. Get copies of any and all Psychological Evaluations (if available)
 - ✦ Must not be more than one year old
 - ✦ Must meet the ER Criteria
3. Get copies of any Psychiatric Evaluations (if available)

Double check all your forms and be sure all information is complete. Incomplete applications will **not be processed and will be destroyed**. We cannot accept incomplete applications. **Be Thorough**

Package everything requested in Phase One and mail with your \$20.00 check to:

Lighthouse Ranch for Boys
PO Box 238
Loranger, LA 70446-0238.

FAX copies are **NOT ACCEPTED!**

Step Two—Our Part of the Process

Wait at least 2 weeks for us to receive and review your application. If you have not received a call or letter within two weeks, please call us at 985-878-6560 to verify receipt of the application. If your situation is urgent (i.e.: court/judicial system involvement) please don't hesitate to call sooner, we will do what we can to expedite the process.

Step Three—Your Part **ONLY** if your boy is accepted

You will be notified as to the status of your child's acceptance into the Lighthouse Ranch program. If your child is accepted, you will be required to provide the following **PRIOR** to your child's actual admittance into the ranch. You will also need to download and complete the Admissions Packet from our website (www.lighthouse ranch.com) Some of these items may take some time to gather and complete so you might consider beginning to collect what you can right away.

1. Get School Records – for at least the past two years
 - Be sure to include the following:**
 - a. Individual Education Plan
 - b. Conduct Reports
 - c. Grades
 - d. Evaluations
 - e. Special Education/Resource Reports
2. Get copies of proof of medical insurance or Medicaid
3. Vision (within the past 6 months)**
4. Dental (within the past 6 months)**
5. Hearing (within the past 6 months)**
6. PPD-TB test (within the past 6 months)
7. Immunization Records (must be up to date – showing vaccines and dates given)



**Information
Admissions Steps Cont...**

Step Three Continued—Your Part ONLY if your boy is accepted

8. Copy of Social Security Card
9. Copy of Birth Certificate
10. Copy of your previous year's income tax return
11. Custody Papers (if applicable)
12. Lighthouse Ranch Physical Exam Form *
13. Lighthouse Ranch Urinalysis Test Form *
14. Lighthouse Ranch CBC Test Form *
15. School Withdrawal Information
16. Using the 'Recommendation Form', get three letters of recommendation for the child (can be from teacher, pastor, social worker, etc.). **Cannot be from immediate family member.**

* To be completed by a doctor within 30 days prior to admission

** Use LHR reporting form

Please Note:

To expedite enrollment of your child, please complete **ALL** the requirements in **STEP THREE**. We **CANNOT** accept your child until you provide **ALL** the necessary paperwork.

Step Four—To Be Determined by Ranch Director

Date of admission is determined by the director of the Lighthouse Ranch and is based on availability. If child will be flying to the ranch unaccompanied, a transportation fee of \$25.00 will be required in advance to cover pick-up of the child from the airport.



**Information
 Regular Schedule**

Monday - Friday	
7:30 AM	Wake Up
8:00	Clean Room
8:15	Devotional
8:30	Breakfast
9:00	School
10:45	Break
11:00	School
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:00	Break
1:20	School
3:00	School Out
3:15	Chores
4:00	Snack Shack
4:30	P.E.
5:30	Dinner
6:00	Planned Activities
8:45	Snack
9:00	In Room – Shower
10:00	Lights Out

Saturday - Sunday	
9:30 AM	Wake Up
10:00	Breakfast
10:30	Clean Room – Chores
2:00	Planned Activities
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Planned Activities
8:45	Snack
9:00	In Room – Shower
10:00	Lights Out

Church Services

Sunday 2:00 PM

Thursday 7:30 PM

Lighthouse Ranch for Boys has an on-campus Christian School (Lighthouse Christian Academy). Due to the high number of boys that enter our program behind in their academic studies, we adhere to a year round schedule. This is to allow boys that are behind in their studies to make great strides towards catching up. Many are able to actually complete their High School studies here at the ranch and receive an accredited High School Diploma for their efforts.

Our schedule is rigid yet flexible in its design. Throughout the year, the boys are able to participate in activities such as camping, basketball tournaments, fishing and swimming if their behavior warrants such involvement.

** Our schedule is subject to change at any time without notice*



Information Important Ranch Policies

PHONE CALLING POLICY

Residents of Lighthouse Ranch for Boys are not allowed to make outgoing phone calls at any time; exceptions are made **ONLY** in the event of an emergency.

Calls to residents are accepted only between the hours of 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM Monday through Thursday. Please take note of the ranch daily schedule, as calls are also not accepted during regularly scheduled breaks and lunch hours. Calls are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes with a maximum of 2 parental calls per resident per month. Calls must be separated by at least 14 days. Grandparents are allowed one call per month. (Note: only parents, grandparents and legal guardians may call or talk to a resident on the phone).

Calls to residents from their Pastors are allowed as deemed necessary by the Pastor and do not affect the calling privileges of the parents or grandparents.

MAIL POLICY

Mail time at the ranch is a very positive and special time. Our desire is that you **WILL** write to your boy while they are at the ranch. Please be aware however that a staff member prior to delivery reads all incoming and outgoing mail. Any correspondence containing obscene, offensive, or vulgar language will not be delivered. Further, mail containing oppressive or disheartening content will also not be delivered. Correspondence to any resident should be positive and encouraging in nature.

VISITORS POLICY

All visits must be arranged directly with the Director and must file a visit request form prior to the visit. Visits must be **pre-arranged** a minimum of (3) three weeks in advance of the visit. **Note to New Residents:** After admission, a minimum of 90 days with good behavior is required before the first visit will be allowed or even considered.

Only those directly related to the resident will be allowed to visit (father, mother, grandfather, grandmother). Visitors such as brothers, sisters, etc. are allowed only on a case-by-case basis and must be pre-approved by the Director in writing.

Any items brought to the resident during a visit must be given to the supervisor on duty **NOT** to the resident. Items will be inspected and then if appropriate given to the resident. **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD ITEMS ARE TO BE BROUGHT.** Be aware that all residents are subject to a strip search following a visit if deemed necessary and all visits may be monitored.

RUN-AWAY POLICY

If a resident leaves the property or leaves from an organized event without permission (i.e.: runs away), the Lighthouse Ranch for Boys assumes no responsibility for their welfare or conduct while they are gone. We will take all necessary measures including but not limited to contacting the local authorities to find them but we will not accept any responsibility for their actions.

In the event that a resident violates this policy and runs away, it will be at the sole discretion of the director whether to accept the resident back into the program. If the resident is allowed to return to the program, a (3) three month extension will be added to his remaining time at the ranch for each time he violates this policy and is re-accepted.

AUTHORITY TO DISCIPLINE POLICY

The director of Lighthouse Ranch for Boys or his authorized staff will administer corporal punishments and controls (including but not limited to spanking) to any resident as deemed necessary by the director to control their behavior.



Information
Clothing Requirements/Restrictions

The following is a comprehensive listing of the clothing each boy is REQUIRED to bring with him if accepted into the program at Lighthouse Ranch for Boys. All clothing must be marked using a **fabric marker** with the boy's last name (**DO NOT** use a permanent marker it does not hold up with continued washing). This includes such items as socks, underwear, t-shirts, etc.

Please take special care that your son has each of the items listed on this form.

Regular Wear Clothing

Qty	Item Description
5	Blue Jeans
3	Casual Shirts
7	Underwear
7	T-shirts
7	Pair of socks
2	1 dress belt / 1 casual belt (belts must FIT)
1	Sweat suit
1	Jacket
1	Work shoes or boots
1	Tennis shoes
3	Khaki Uniform slacks (pants) (Dickie brand recommended)

Dress Clothes

3	Two piece suits
2	Washable slacks
4	Long sleeved white dress shirts
1	Dress shoes
3	Assortment of ties to match dress clothes

Other Required Items

1	Bible – King James Version
1	Electric Razor – this is required for <u>ALL residents</u>
-	Misc. toiletry items (toothpaste, deodorant, comb, brush, etc.)
NOTE: ABSOLUTELY NO AEROSOL CANS ARE ALLOWED	

- † Earrings, necklaces, bracelets, rings, or other types of jewelry are not allowed at any time. Please do NOT send such items with your boy.
- † No baggy clothing is allowed—this includes both pants and shirts. (Clothing Must fit within 1 inch)
- † No bandana's or other items linked to gang related activities are allowed. Any such items found will be confiscated and will not be returned to the boy.
- † Radios and/or alarm clocks are not allowed.
- † No trendy hairstyles are allowed. Hair shall be kept short and neat.

These clothing and item requirements are **MANDATORY** for all residents for check-in.