



**Step 1 – Information Packet
Introduction Letter**

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Thank you for inquiring about Lighthouse Ranch for Boys. Lighthouse Ranch is a residential treatment facility for troubled boy's ages 12-17 years. The program is a 12-month minimum length of stay.

The Ranch program includes activities that are dedicated to bringing your son to maturity; learning structure, etiquette and respect; to become rehabilitated; and have opportunities to spend time where he can learn to become a man of character, integrity, and vision.

*Enclosed (in **Step One**), you will find general information pertaining to the Ranch operations and requirements for new residents. **Step Two and Step Three** will contain all the forms for you to fill out. Please be sure all forms from **Step Two and Step Three** are fully completed, including all signatures where designated before submitting it to the ranch business office. 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. If a question does not apply to you, mark the spot with N/A. Applications with incomplete entries cannot be accepted or processed. Any attempt to give deliberately false information could be grounds for denial into the program.*

You will find several informational forms that provide additional information about the ranch and its operation. Please take a few minutes to review this information to better acquaint yourself with the policies and procedures we follow at the ranch. Also attached is the "Admissions Steps 1-3" list to help you complete the process of admission into the ranch.

When returning your application, include a copy of the boy's birth certificate and a current photograph of him.

The Lighthouse Ranch is physically located at 51453 Hwy 443, just a few miles south of the town of Loranger, LA. The mailing address is P. O. Box 238. If you have any further questions, call the business office at 985-878-6560 or email at info@lighthouse ranch.com.

Sincerely,
Lighthouse Ranch for Boys



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General Information

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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 boys we generally accept. If you have any questions, please call the Ranch business office.

- Boys ages 12-17. Boys normally return home at their eighteen birthday unless they are allowed to stay for an additional short while to complete high school requirements or other short-term requirements dictated by their unique Service Plan.
- Boys with an IQ of 80 or above; and who are physically able to participate in Ranch activities.
- 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, violence or behavior currently or in the boys recent history. No drug/alcohol dependencies. No boys who consistently try to run away. No boys with mental illness or problems with serious depression. No boys who are arsonists or who are cruel to animals.
- No history of offending sexual behavior or sexual perpetration
- No chronic addiction problems.

Rules: Each resident is required to comply with a comprehensive set of guidelines that will be explained fully to him during his admission. These guidelines are contained in the:

- Campus Rules
- Daily Schedule
- Dress Code
- Visitation Policy
- Phone Call Policy
- Telephone Policy
- School Supply List
- Lighthouse Ranch Handbook (upon request)
- Mail Policy
- Run Away Policy
- Discipline Policy
- Gifts Policy
- Computers & Internet Policy
- Clothing Requirements & Restrictions

Residents are NOT allowed to have cash in their possession while at the Ranch. Please do not send cash money with them to the Ranch. However, you may provide a spending allowance for them through check or other means. This will be kept in a bank account for each resident.

In compliance with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) no person shall be excluded from the services of Lighthouse Ranch for Boys on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.



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Admission Steps**

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Step One—Read this Information Packet

This Information Packet may be downloaded from the Lighthouse Ranch website at www.lighthouse ranch.com. Further information may be available by contacting the Business Office by phone or email.

[If you do not have access to the internet, contact the Ranch Business Office to request that an Application Packet is mailed to you.]

Step Two & Step Three—Download, print and fill out the Admission Application, then submit by mail, email or fax.

The Application Packet may be downloaded and printed from the Lighthouse Ranch website: www.lighthouse ranch.com

1. Double check all your forms and be sure all information is complete. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.
2. After filling out all forms, you may fax to 985-878-6560, or mail them to: Lighthouse Ranch for Boys, PO Box 238, Loranger, LA 70446-0238 or scan and email to intake@lighthouse ranch.com.
3. Wait at least a week for us to receive and review your application. If you have not received a call or letter within a week, 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 do not hesitate to call sooner, we will do what we can to expedite the process.
4. Provide copies of any and all psychological or psychiatric evaluations (if available). This evaluation must not be more than 30-days old.

We ask each parent/guardian to provide an email address (that you monitor) so that we can keep you informed as well as provide you with updated documents, reports and accounting information. This will help expedite communications between you and our Business Office.



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After Acceptance

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Additional Forms Required:
(You're Part ONLY if your child has been accepted)

Acceptance: You will be notified as to the status of your child's acceptance into the Lighthouse Ranch program. You may use this as a check list. If your boy is accepted, you will be required to provide the following PRIOR to your child's actual admittance into the ranch:

- Proof of 1) medical insurance; or 2) Medicaid (registered to Tangipahoa Parish LA); or 3) additional credit card on file to cover medical emergencies
- Immunization Records (must be up to date – showing vaccines and dates given)
- Copy of Social Security Card
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate
- Current Custody Papers (if applicable)
- *Physical Exam Form* (completed by a physician within 30 days prior to admission)
- Dental Checkup (completed by a dentist within six months prior to admission)
- Using the "Child Recommendation Form", provide three letters of recommendation for the child (this can be from a teacher, pastor, social worker, etc.). Recommendation Forms from the immediate family members are not per-mitted. One Recommendation Letter should be from the pastor.
- Current photo of boy
- Signed *Non Approved Communication Form*
- Signed *Permission and Consent Form*
- Signed *Mutual Agreement Form*
- Copy of voided check on account from which your ACH Tuition withdrawal will be made
- Urinalysis (if boy has recent history of drug/alcohol use)
- Psychological Assessment (current-within 30 days) The required Psychological Assessment/Evaluation can be a brief examination into a person's mental health by a professional such as a counselor, therapist or psychologist; it re-quires a structured (brief) interview with the boy involving the use of various tests to assess intellectual abilities and skills; it should show results of a mental health screening as well as an assessment of the resident's functioning family. This assessment normally may not exceed 500-750 words
- **ATTENTION: Children on Medication – We require 30 days of medication upon acceptance to the Ranch.**

To expedite enrollment of your child, please complete all the requirements in Step Two & Three.
We cannot accept your son until you provide all the necessary paperwork.

Date of admission is determined by the Director of Lighthouse Ranch and is based on availability. If the child will be flying to the Ranch unaccompanied, a transportation fee of \$50 will be required in advance to cover pick-up (or return) of the child from the airport. Have the boy fly in to the Louis Armstrong International Airport in New Orleans, LA.



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Important Ranch Policies

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PHONE CALL POLICY - Calls to residents are accepted from parents only on their specific time on Thursdays. Monthly phone call schedules are assigned to parents/guardians during the intake process. Calls to residents from their Pastors are allowed as deemed necessary by the Pastor and do not affect the calling privileges of the parents. All phone conversations must be conducted in the English language. If your son is expecting a phone call, please do not disappoint him and neglect the regularly-scheduled call. It is critical you call exactly at your assigned time slot on the time schedule.

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 he is at the ranch. Any correspondence containing obscene, offensive, or vulgar language, oppressive, disheartening content, money or other inappropriate materials is prohibited. Correspondence to residents should be positive and encouraging in nature. All letters must be written in clear, English language. If your son is expecting a letter, please do not disappoint him and neglect writing to him. Food, candy, drinks or other prohibited articles are not allowed to be sent to the boys by mail.

VISITATION POLICY - All visits must be arranged directly with the Director and must file a Visitation Request Form three weeks prior to the visit. All Visitations must be conducted in the English language. See the attached Visitation Policy.

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 three month extension may be added to his remaining time at the ranch for each time he violates this policy and is re-accepted.

AUTHORITY FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION - The director of Lighthouse Ranch for Boys and/or authorized staff will administer state-approved corrective action and controls to any resident as deemed necessary by the director and/or authorized staff to control their behavior. Parents/guardians of the resident are required to support the decision of the Ranch to administer this specific corrective action. The absence of parental/guardian support for said corrective action could lead to a resident's failure to progress toward his program of rehabilitation at the Ranch.

GIFTS FOR YOUR SON - In order to promote family support and to discourage homesickness for the resident, parents/guardians are encouraged to provide gifts and greeting cards for their son at birthday time and Christmas time. Recommended gifts are clothing and shoes, or books and educational games for your sons. Gifts may not include food products, cellphones, computers, jewelry, electronic games (except those that are approved and do not require internet connection), radios, or objects that could potentially become weapons or cause damage to the resident or others or to the Ranch facilities. *Residents are not allowed to have extravagant or expensive clothing, shoes or personal effects at the Ranch.*

COMPUTERS & INTERNET - Because of the dangers and pitfalls of the internet, computer and internet access is tightly restricted on campus and not allowed for residents. Furthermore, residents are not allowed to have social media accounts (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, or any other online service or organization, etc.) and all such accounts must be turned off during the time a resident is enrolled at the Ranch. Residents' access to the internet (for email or any other reason) is deemed as an unnecessary distraction and is strictly prohibited.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT - Because our school, Lighthouse Christian Academy does not socially promote its students, Lighthouse Ranch makes no guarantee that a boy will complete his school work, or advance academically. However, every effort will be made to encourage him, challenge and lead him to strive for academic excellence and finish his stated academic goals.

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- All visits must be pre-arranged and approved through the director after a resident has completed his first 90 days. Thereafter family may request visits no sooner than every 30 days. A visit request form must be properly completed and submitted prior to any visits. Visits must be pre-arranged a minimum of (2) two weeks in advance of the visit. All visits must be approved in advance by the Director.
- All members of the visitation party must arrive and begin visitation together. Immediately upon arrival, any and all visitors must meet at the Business Office during office hours or with the supervisor on duty after office hours. Visitors are expected to show respect to all Ranch furniture, facilities, equipment and guidelines and all visitations must be approved prior to visit.
- Residents are required to follow all normal campus rules even during visitation time and are not permitted to leave campus with guests at any time, use cell phones or computers belonging to guests or have access to the internet. Therefore, all visitor cell phones, laptop computers, iPads or other internet-accessible tools are prohibited during the times of visitation: they must be left in the vehicle or checked in at the office.
- No food or beverage item(s) may be brought onto Campus unless approved prior to visit.
- Any gifts brought must be submitted for approval in advance at the business office.
- Any items brought onto campus must be brought directly to the Business Office for the Director to inspect. Items will be inspected and then if appropriate, given to the resident.
- Be aware that all residents are subject to a strip search following a visit if deemed necessary and all visits may be monitored.
- All buildings on the Campus are OFF-LIMITS except for the Administration Building
- Guests may request to walk around the grounds, always staying between the paved roadway and the Administration Building and picnic area. Ranch Barn, pole barn, chicken coop, gardens, staff housing, Dorms are all OFF Limits to Guests.
- Meals are only available if arrangements have been made in advance. For each visitor meal, your account will be charged \$5. Donations are always welcome.
- A family visitation room will be provided for you and your son's visit; however NO food or beverage is allowed in Family Visitation Room.
- The resident and his guests are required to stay together as a group throughout the visit.
- Visitation Schedule. Visitors must comply with the pre-approved schedule. If the visitor does not show up, or if they are late, they will probably lose their chance for visitation, as the Ranch follow a strict daily schedule of activities and cannot wait for them, when late.
- Any deviation from this policy must be approved by the director. This Visitation Policy is subject to change without notice. All communication at Visitation must be conducted in the English language.
- Visitation Request Form must be submitted and approved in advance.

Regarding New Residents: After admission, a minimum of 90 days with good behavior is required before the first visit will be allowed. Only those directly related to the resident will be allowed to visit (father, mother, grandfather, grandmother). Visitors such as brother, sister, pastor, etc. are allowed only on a case by case basis and must be pre-approved by the Director in writing. Because of our on-going program, visitors are limited to small groups.



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Daily Schedule

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m.	Wake Up
8:00 a.m.	Clean Room
8:15 a.m.	Devotional
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	School
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	School
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 Tues. & Fri.	P.E./Vocational Training
1:15 p.m.	School Resumes
3:00 p.m.	School Out
3:15 p.m.	Change Clothes/Chores
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
5:30p.m.	Planned Activities
7:00 Wed. Only	Inspirational Training
8:15 p.m.	Snack
9:00 p.m.	In Room - Shower
10:00 p.m.	Lights Out

Saturday

7:30 a.m.	Wake Up
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Clean Room-Chores
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Planned Activities
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
8:15 p.m.	Snack
9:00 p.m.	In Room-Shower
10:00 p.m.	Lights Out

Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Wake Up
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Planned Activities
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Planned Activities
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Inspirational Training
9:00 p.m.	In Room-Shower
10:00 p.m.	Lights Out

Daily Schedule is subject to change at any time without notice.



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Lighthouse Christian Academy

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Lighthouse Ranch for Boys administrative building houses the on-campus educational center, Lighthouse Christian Academy (LCA), and will accommodate all residents. LCA uses the School of Tomorrow (ACE) curriculum, which allows each student to advance in their studies at their own pace.

LCA offers High School diplomas: Vocational, General, and College Prep. Students are offered regular high school subjects required by Louisiana Dept. of Education. In addition, various electives are required including Physical Education and Life Skills. LCA is a member of ACTS (Association of Christian Teachers and Schools) and is accredited by ICSAP (International Christian School Accrediting Program). The school has also been approved by the Tangipahoa Parish School Board as alternative educational program.

Many of the young men that come to the Ranch are behind in their education. They are given placement tests and are placed on a level at which they can perform. Academic projections are made and the young man begins on his journey to receiving his High School diploma.

Due to the high number of Residents that enter our program behind in their academic studies, LCA adheres to a year-round schedule. This allows boys that are behind in their studies to make great strides towards catching up.

Many of the students are able to qualify and receive a High School diploma; they would never have accomplished this goal in life before coming to the Ranch. Most young men that are not old enough to graduate have attained the grade level they should be in by the time they leave the school. Many of our alumni are now productive citizens and have families of their own.

In addition to Ranch Tuition, Residents will be charged for school PACEs, school uniform shirts, Physical Education shirts, and school jackets as well as other school-related incidentals.

Applicant parents/guardians will sign the *Consent to Transfer Records* form that authorizes Lighthouse Ranch to request school records from the former school.

Students are required to have all items from the School Supply List at all times. The designated school uniform is required to be worn at all times while in school. Graduating seniors are required to pay all costs incurred toward graduation.

Lighthouse Ranch makes no guarantee that a boy will complete his school work, or advance academically. However, every effort will be made to encourage him, challenge and lead him to strive for academic excellence.

Upon discharge, any Ranch or school records must be requested in writing: i.e. a new school must request school records in writing. No records, materials or information will be released until all financial obligations to the Ranch have been satisfied.



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School Supply List**

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The following list represents the required school supplies needed at all times for residents—other items are not allowed in the classroom. (If students do not have these provided, Lighthouse Ranch will purchase them and the parent/guardian will be billed):

- 1 - King James Bible: Old and New Testament
- 20 - Mechanical lead pencils
- 3 - Packages of .07 lead to fill mechanical pencils
- 1 - Webster's Dictionary (may be paperback)
- 1 - Pocket calendar
- 2 - Large erasers
- 3 - Boxes of facial tissues
- 2 - 1 inch 3-ring hard back binder for loose leaf paper (NO zippers)
- 1 - Package of colored map pencils
- 1 - Package of colored construction paper
- 1 - Scientific calculator (Texas Instrument Brand)
- 1 - Package loose leaf 3-hole ruled paper (minimum 100 sheets)
- 1 - Package copy paper (minimum 100 sheets)
- 5 - Manila folders

Not allowed: ink pens, spiral notebooks, highlighters, MP3 players, CD players.



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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 or Sharpie with the boy's last name (DO NOT use a permanent marker as it does not hold up with continued washing). This includes such items as socks, under-wear, t-shirts, etc. Please take special care that your son has each of the items listed on this Form. *Not allowed: hoodies, short pants; extravagant/expensive clothes, shoes or personal belongings; cash.*

The items listed below are the minimum requirements.

Regular Wear Clothing

Amount	Item Description
5	(5) Blue Jeans (3) Casual Shirts
7	(7) Underwear (7) T-shirts (7) Pair of Socks
1	Loose fitting warm up pants for PE
2	1 Dress belt/ 1Casual belt (belts must fit)
1	(1) Sweat Suit (1) Jacket (1) Pair rubber boots
1	T-Shirt & Knee Shorts for Swimming
1	(1 Pair) Work Shoes or boots (1 pair) Tennis Shoes
3	Khaki Uniform Slacks (Pants) (Dickie brand recommended) For School
3	Navy Uniform Shirts – For School

Dress Clothes

1	Two Piece Suit
2	Washable dress slacks
2	Long Sleeved dress shirts (one white, one color)
1	Dress Shoes
3	Three neckties to match dress clothes
2	Dressy casual shirts

Other required Items

1	Bible-King James Version
1	Blanket (lightweight)
1	Electric Razor
Misc. toiletry items (toothpaste, deodorant, comb, brush, etc.)	

1	Cowboy Hat
1	Plastic Coat Hangers
1	Medium size Overnight bag
Writing paper, envelopes & stamps (to write home)	

This list of clothing and items are **MANDATORY** for all residents at the time of check-in.

- 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.
- Cell phones, iPads, computers, electronic games, radios and/or alarm clocks are not allowed.
- No trendy hairstyles are allowed. Hair shall be kept short and neat.



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Financial Information**

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Lighthouse Ranch is not an insurance provider and is unable to directly bill insurance companies. Therefore, parents must assume the responsibility of the tuition payment. Any insurance settlement should be negotiated between the parents and the insurance carrier. All tuition payments are made through automatic ACH debits from your checking account or credit card. Residents are admitted for a One-Year Program.

Ranch Tuition: The Ranch program includes 24-hour-a-day supervision and care, room and board, all meals, education, recreation, vocational training, field trips, agriculture, horsemanship and inspirational training. Call the Ranch office to find out details regarding tuition amount.

Ranch Tuition is paid each month through automatic ACH withdrawals from your checking, savings or credit card account. Upon the boy's acceptance, Step 2 and Step 3 will need to be filled out and sent in prior to admittance.

Additional Costs

Tuition does not include incidentals and personal effects (such as school charges, haircuts, school uniform shirts, dry cleaning, doctor visits, toiletries, eyeglasses or contacts, doctor/dental/psychological screening, 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 resident leaves the program in full accordance with the *Discharge Policy*. A \$50 airport fee is due if the boy flies to or from the Ranch. A \$10 transportation charge is due when resident must be taken to town for medical/dental appointments or emergencies, counseling, optometry or other appointments. Parents/guardians will be charged for outside tutoring or counseling or additional psychological assessments, if needed.

Medical/Dental/Psychological/Psychiatric Costs

Lighthouse Ranch services do not include payment for medical care. In the event your son is taken for medical, dental, psychological or psychiatric care, the expenses are met by one of the following.

- A) Medicaid card that you provide for your son. This must be registered or transferred to the geographic area of Tangipahoa Parish Louisiana. Out of state Medicaid cards are not accepted.
- B) Current Health Insurance that you provide for your son. Please provide a card to leave on file.
- C) If you do not provide a Medicaid card or Health Insurance for your son, you are required to leave an active credit card to be used in the event of medical billing.

Boys may be provided spending money by their parents/guardians and should maintain at least \$25 in their son's spending money account. Cash is NOT provided to residents. In the event the boy is sent home or taken home before the end of his one-year term, there may be costs associated with early discharge. See *Discharge Policy* in Step One. Boys are required to reimburse the Ranch for damages to any part of the Ranch Property. You will be billed for incidental costs on a monthly basis. Payment is due and payable within 15 days. Personal checks and major credit card are accepted. Please contact our business office to discuss payment options. Some payment options include Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.



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Campus Rules and Regulations**

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Lighthouse Ranch for Boys is a private facility built for the rehabilitation of troubled boys with contributions from Partners, foundations, businesses, organizations, and individuals. Due to the nature of the program and its strict supervision of the boys, access to the Ranch property is restricted and all visitors must be authorized by the business office. The Lighthouse Ranch assumes no liability or responsibility for unauthorized persons on the property or damages or injury to persons or property arising from any violations of these Campus Rules and Regulations.

To ensure enjoyment for all, approved visitors are asked to follow the Lighthouse Ranch Campus Rules and Regulations. Immediately, upon arrival, go to the business office for authorization to be on campus.

- The Ranch is open from 9:00am to 5:00 pm unless otherwise posted for special events. No trespassing after hours.
- Adults must accompany children under the age of 12.
- All animals must be on a leash at all times and are not permitted in the pond or pool. Dog owners must pick up after their dogs. Violators will be banned from the Ranch.
- Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited.
- Ranch visitors are not permitted to enter barns, livestock areas, garden beds, prune plants or remove flowers.
- Littering is prohibited, including placing chemicals, food or any other substance in the pond or pool.
- Erecting structures, bill posting, etc. are prohibited.
- Storing or leaving personal belongings unattended is prohibited. Belongings left unattended will be destroyed.
- Camping is prohibited and is defined as resting or sleeping anywhere in the Ranch while in possession of several days of clothing and/or other camping materials.
- No person shall bring, possess, distribute, sell, solicit or consume alcohol, marijuana or any controlled substance in the Ranch.
- The molestation of or causing injury to an animal is prohibited in the Ranch.
- All unauthorized fires and fireworks are prohibited.

The following items are not permitted anywhere within the Ranch:

- Fire arms or weapons of any kind
- Laser lights
- Skate boards
- Remote control cars, boats and planes
- Loud radios or boom boxes
- Unauthorized vehicles, 4-wheelers or other ATVs, UTVs



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The following items are not permitted anywhere within the Ranch:

- Cigarettes, or tobacco products
- Smoking
- Alcoholic drinks
- Drugs or controlled substances
- Defacing Ranch materials or property
- Disturbing the peace
- Excavating
- Engaging in illegal or illicit activities

Only joggers, walkers, golf carts, mowers and small utility vehicles are allowed on the Jim Yohe Boulevard. Cars, trucks and other large vehicles are prohibited unless unloading.

Watch out for joggers and pedestrian traffic. All vehicles are expected to drive slowly and obey the speed limit.

No person shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with these rules or the lawful direction or command of any Ranch employee or police officer, indicated verbally, by gesture or otherwise. 24-hour video surveillance will be in use.

Campus Rules and Regulations are subject to change or revision without notice. Violators will be removed from the campus. If necessary, police will be called.

To request authorization to visit the campus, call for the Director at 985- 878-6560 or email info@lighthouse ranch.com.



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Discharge Policy

1. It is critical that each resident be required (by parent/guardian) to fulfill the term of his entire Service Plan as diagnosed by the Service Plan manager. This plan is specifically assigned to fit the needs of individual residents. Early withdrawal of residents could serve to return them to the same environment and behavioral disorders from which the Ranch program rescued them. Unless a resident spends the required time to develop new habits, learn personal discipline, set and fulfill new goals in life, he could continue to repeat the error of his ways. Historically, when a resident is withdrawn early, he falls back into his old self-destructive lifestyle.
2. After approval and enrollment, each resident remains in residence at the Lighthouse Ranch for Boys, and in attendance at the Lighthouse Christian Academy for a minimum of twelve (12) months. This term of attendance is subject to extension or reduction at the discretion of the director of Lighthouse Ranch for Boys. This agreement can be terminated at any time by either the director of the Lighthouse Ranch for Boys or the parent/guardian however, should the parent/guardian decide to remove their child EARLY from the program at the Lighthouse Ranch for Boys, an early withdrawal fee of **\$4,500.00** will be required prior to release of said child. The EARLY withdrawal fees can only be paid with cash or certified check.
3. If the resident is removed EARLY from the Ranch as result of executive decision of the Director, any refund of tuition will be pro-rated by daily rate less all outstanding charges, less early withdrawal penalty of \$250. There will be no refund of room deposit.
4. If the resident is withdrawn EARLY from the Ranch by the parent/guardian [as result of a decision by the parent/guardian], and the parent/guardian wishes to re-enroll him, a reinstatement fee of \$500 [if applicable] will be charged in addition to all other standard enrollment fees. There will be no refund of room deposit.
5. The Lighthouse Ranch for Boys has the right to terminate any resident in the program if it is determined that said child is not responding to the program; if said child has become a threat to himself or to others; if said child's parents/guardians fail to uphold their financial obligations to the Lighthouse Ranch for Boys; and/or if the resident/parents/guardians fail to support the rules, regulations, or guidelines of the Ranch.
6. If a boy is removed from the property without (the resident and/or parent/guardian) meeting with the director; satisfying the Ranch Discharge Policy and financial responsibilities; or said child leaves the property without authorization or leaves from an organized event without permission (ie: runaway) the Lighthouse Ranch will not be liable for said child's actions or any resulting injuries received by said child while they are away from the ranch.
7. If a boy does run away or leave without authorization from the Director, his placement at the Lighthouse Ranch can be considered terminated. Should such termination occur, the parent/guardian shall not be entitled to any refund of fees paid, deposits or costs incurred in placing or keeping the resident at the Lighthouse Ranch for Boys. Should the Director agree to accept said child back into the program, a three (3) month extension could be levied on said child for their behavior.
8. Unpaid financial obligations include but are not limited to balances due on tuition, incidentals, deposits, damages to property, school expenses, haircuts, medical, dental, optical or counseling expenses, etc.
9. Until all financial obligations are satisfied with the Lighthouse Ranch for Boys, none of the following will be released to the boy or to his parents/guardians or assigns:
 - a) Records (Ranch business, personal, school, transcript, diploma, medical, psychological, psychiatric, accounting, counseling, legal (probation, parole, etc.))
 - b) Personal items, school supplies, clothing and shoes
10. Transfer of School Records. After all financial obligations are satisfied, school records will only be provided upon written request of the resident's new school, a prospective employer, or a branch of the U.S. Military. The records go directly by mail to the school, not to the resident or his family.



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- **What is life like at the Lighthouse Ranch?** Founded in 1979, the Ranch has a 40-acre campus with dorms, administrative offices, gym, game room, cafeteria, school, chapel, Ranch barn, barber shop, locker room, workout room, swimming pool, fishing pond, picnic area, animals, staff housing and pasture land. We have horses, ducks, chickens, goats, sheep, and rabbits. We also have gardens where vegetables are raised for the Ranch. Hay for the animals is produced in the fields. A working ranch, the program gives boys an opportunity to learn about livestock, agriculture and responsibility.
- **How much is the tuition for boys to attend the Lighthouse Ranch?** Each boy's behavioral problems represent an individual set of circumstances and the tuition depends on your son's unique needs. Call to discuss this with Ranch Admissions.
- **Are there other costs?** Tuition does not include incidentals and personal effects (such as school supplies, haircuts, school uniform shirts, dry cleaning, doctor visits, toiletries, eyeglasses or contacts, doctor / dental / psychological screening, etc.) There is a \$30.00 returned check fee for NSF checks, and \$50 airport transportation fee. A \$150.00 room deposit is required prior to arrival and will be returned upon leaving the program providing resident leaves the program in full accordance with the *Discharge Policy*.
- **My son will probably refuse to go.** If your son has not already visited the Ranch and been interviewed by the Director, he has no basis upon which to make his decision. As a minor, the decision is really not his, but rather the parents or legal guardians. In almost every case, the boy quickly changes his mind after arriving on campus. He then realizes he will live on a ranch, meet new friends, live according to a structured schedule and have an opportunity to mature and turn his life around.
- **Please explain to me the application process.** Contact the Lighthouse Ranch office at 985-878-6560 to request an application package or download the Application Packet from the website at www.lighthouse ranch.com. Print out all forms, fill them out and mail them to P. O. Box 238, Loranger LA 70446, or fax them to 985-878-9370. After we receive the forms, we will review them, and then call you back to interview the parents and the boy.
- **How soon could my son be enrolled at the Lighthouse Ranch?** The admissions process usually moves very quickly. The time from application to enrollment is typically less than two weeks. It depends on how long the parent takes to provide the needed application documents and materials.
- **Where will my son attend school?** The on-campus school, Lighthouse Christian Academy, provides individualized instruction for grades five through twelve and this is where major emphasis is placed on academic achievement. School records must be sent from the boy's previous school. Many of the students are able to qualify and receive a High School diploma; they would never have accomplished this goal in life before coming to the Ranch. Most young men that are not old enough to graduate have attained the grade level they should be in by the time they leave the school. Many of our alumni are now productive citizens and have families of their own.
- **Will my son fall farther behind in school because of attending the Lighthouse Christian Academy?** Lighthouse Christian Academy diagnoses each new student, places them accordingly in each subject, and then works with them to diligently reach their grade level (or to get caught up, if they are behind). If your son refuses to cooperate with his studies, he will not advance.
- **What is required for my son to attend school at the Ranch?** The required tuition provides for your son to attend Lighthouse Christian Academy where he will be enrolled, tested and placed according to his function-al grade level. He is required to have all items found on the School Supply List. If he does not come with these supplies, Lighthouse Ranch will provide them and the parent/guardian will be billed. In addition, regulation school uniform shirts and PE shirts will be sized and provided and parent/guardian will be billed.
- **What about recreation and sports?** Each day the boys are involved in recreation that could include basketball, football, softball, swimming, and other activities. The Physical Education class gives the boys opportunity for competitive intramural sports, track and field, and measurable physical fitness exercises.

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- **Do Lighthouse Ranch staff members receive medical training?** Yes, all staff members receive training in both First Aid and CPR.
- **Are background checks done on Lighthouse Ranch staff members?** Yes, every staff member must submit to an extensive range of background checks from both the state and federal levels before being eligible for employment.
- **Does Lighthouse Ranch accept violent or dangerous boys?** No. The boys' safety and well-being is our number one priority. We will not knowingly enroll any boys that could pose a threat to our students or program.
- **Will Lighthouse Ranch accept my son if he has been addicted to drugs?** The best way to determine this is by contacting our admissions department. Some drugs or abuse patterns require detoxification prior to admittance to the Lighthouse Ranch. Our admissions staff can explain this in greater detail and make appropriate recommendations for your son.
- **Will Lighthouse Ranch administer medications to my son?** Yes, our staff members are trained in the safe handling of medications and will administer them to your son. All medications are kept locked securely at all times. Staff is trained to deal with type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Prescribed meds are administered as prescribed by the physician. Non-prescribed meds (OTC) are also available and are administered as needed. All medications are prescribed by the boy's physician and paid for by the boy's family.
- **Is Lighthouse Ranch licensed?** Yes. Lighthouse Ranch is licensed by the State of Louisiana, Department of Children and Family Services. Certificate No. 15250.
- **Will my insurance company pay for my son to attend Lighthouse Ranch?** While some insurance companies will pay for all or part of the Ranch fees, many will not. It is up to you to check with your insurance company. Lighthouse Ranch is glad to work with you on this. Please contact us if your insurance company requests additional information on our program.
- **How do I enroll my son?** Contact our admissions department to complete a short interview. Our admissions staff will guide you through the rest of the admissions process
- **Does Lighthouse Ranch use corporal punishment?** No.
- **What type of discipline is used?** Lighthouse Ranch utilizes a positive, incentive based discipline program. We use the power of positive reinforcement and natural consequences such as ranch work when a young man loses his enthusiasm in the classroom. Our discipline is called "correction action."
- **What is the success rate of Lighthouse Ranch for Boys?** Since 1979, Lighthouse Ranch has been the home for many hundreds of boys. Most have had their lives turned around, have been rehabilitated, and have gone on to live productive lives.
- **Does Lighthouse Ranch accept boys through the courts or judicial system?** Yes.
- **Are boys accepted from all states?** Yes.
- **How long is the program?** One year.
- **Can I communicate with my son while he is there?** After the first two weeks, your son may send or receive mail. After the first thirty days, you may call and speak to your son according to an assigned call schedule. After the first 90 days, you may visit him. Visitation is limited to parents and siblings only and is scheduled in advance (See Visitation Policy).
- **Can I visit my son at the Ranch?** After the first 90 days at the Ranch, the boy may qualify for a visit from his parents, all visits must be pre-arranged directly with the Director and parents/guardians must file a Visitation Request Form prior to the visit. All visitations must be conducted in the English language. See the Visitation Policy at the website.

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- **Will my son be provided medical and health care?** Parents/guardians are expected to underwrite the cost of health care or provide insurance or a Medicaid card for your son. He will be taken to area clinics or hospital, when the need arises.
- **Is there a dress code for the boys?** All boys dress to a strict standard for school, work, P. E. and dress up. See the “Clothing Requirements and Restrictions” at our website www.lighthouse ranch.com. This list of clothing and items are mandatory for all residents. If residents do not have these provided, Lighthouse Ranch will provide them and the parent/guardian will be billed.
- **Do you also accept girls?** No. Our program is geared only for boys.
- **What age boys do you accept?** Our program is geared for boys 12 years through 17 years of age.
- **Are the boys fed well?** Yes. Three full balanced meals are provided in the Ranch cafeteria seven days a week. A light snack is provided for the boys each evening. Daily menus are prepared by a registered dietician.
- **What is a typical day like for the boys at the Ranch?** The boys are provided a Daily Schedule and are taught to follow it each day. This includes rising early to dress for school (M-F); clean room and make bed; attend morning devotionals and eat breakfast; go to school at 9 a.m.; lunch at 12:30 p.m.; school dismissal at 3 p.m.; change clothes, chores, PE or Life Skills, evening meal, recreation, evening vesper and study; lights out at 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays represent more recreation, chores and other planned activities. On Sundays and Thursdays, the boys participate in inspirational training at the Lighthouse Chapel. Emphasis is placed on cleanliness for each boy and his room, cleanliness for the Ranch campus and orderliness for all aspects of the program.
- **What restrictions are placed on the boys while they are residents at the Ranch?** While residents at the Ranch, boys are not allowed to have:
 - Ear rings, necklaces, bracelets, rings, or other types of jewelry; baggy clothing, bandanas or other items linked to gang related activities, cell phones, iPads, computers, electronic games, any item that can be hooked up to the internet, radios, alarm clocks, skate boards, trendy hairstyles -- hair shall be kept short and neat. Also not allowed are cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, energy drinks, controlled substances or any other materials, books, music or paraphernalia not conducive to rehabilitative behavior for the boys.
- **What about computers & internet for boys?** Computer and internet access is tightly restricted on campus and not allowed for Residents. Residents are not allowed to have social media accounts (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, or any other online service or organization, etc.) and all such accounts must be turned off during the time a resident is enrolled at the Ranch. Residents’ access to the internet (for email or any other reason) is deemed as an unnecessary distraction and is strictly prohibited.
- **What is Life Skills Training at the Lighthouse Ranch?** A series of courses are taught to high school boys throughout the year. These include:
 - Attitude, Self-Destructive Behavior, Anger Management, Character and Habit, Determination, Loneliness, Contentment, Money Management, and Ego & Self Esteem.
- **Will my son be safe at the Ranch?** Our first duty is to provide training, supervision and protection of all boys at the Ranch. Resident supervisors are on duty to watch over, lead and protect all boys 24 hours a day. Even all during the night supervisors are on duty and the boys are monitored every hour.

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- **What if my son tries to run away from the Ranch?** If a boy leaves the property or leaves from an organized event without permission the Lighthouse Ranch 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 boy 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 boy is allowed to return to the program, a three month extension may be added to his remaining time at the ranch for each time he violates this policy and is re-accepted.
- **What if I choose to withdraw my son from the Lighthouse Ranch program, before the 12-month period is over?** Refer to the Discharge Policy connected to the Step One – Information Packet.
- **Will my son be able to participate with the livestock and agriculture program?** Each boy is given an opportunity to learn about animal husbandry and is taught how to feed and care for the animals. However, before riding and caring for a horse, he is carefully trained on horse behavior and must sign (with his parents/guardians) the *Release and Hold Harmless Agreement*. Boys are not allowed to torment animals. In addition, the boys are taught about gardening, soil preparation, sowing seeds, cultivating, and harvesting the crops.
- **What can a parent or guardian do to make the boy's experience at the Ranch most productive?**
 - A)** Support and comply with the policies, procedures, rules and regulations and decisions of the Ranch administration.
 - B)** The Lighthouse Ranch program is for boys who have behavioral challenges. Therefore the boys have a restricted lifestyle, the campus is restricted and the boys must get through this time without enjoying all the toys and playthings they have been used to.
 - C)** Understand that the first step toward your son's rehabilitation is for him to have a 90-day severance from his former life: his family, friends and past environment. Once he is enrolled at the Ranch and has moved in to his dorm room, give it a chance to work. Obviously there will be adjustments for him and he may get a little home-sick. But he will get through it ok and come out better on the other side. Just have the patience to realize he needs this time to re-group, learn to obey and comply with a firm set of rules.
 - D)** The Ranch program includes activities that are dedicated to bringing your son to maturity; learning structure, etiquette and respect; to become rehabilitated; and have opportunities to spend time where he can learn to become a man of character, integrity, and vision. Don't rush this process.
 - E)** Let your son know through your actions that you are in support of the Ranch policies.
 - F)** Do not allow your son to manipulate you or your decision about coming to the Ranch, leaving the Ranch or the ad.
- **Is my son allowed to have spending money?** Yes. In fact, parents/guardians are expected to provide each boy with his own spending money for incidentals. The boys' spending money account is kept separate for him and may be used by him whenever appropriate. A minimum of \$25 should be deposited into this account at the beginning of your son's enrollment at the Ranch. Upon discharge, any remaining balance will be returned.