

WESTERN HERITAGE PROGRAM AT BROWN CANYON RANCH

WHO: For teachers of fourth and fifth grade students interested in the Western Heritage Program.

For middle school teachers who also have strong motivation in science and nature.

WHAT: The Friends of the Brown Canyon Ranch offer a special extracurricular opportunity for your students to experience a field trip to an old historic ranch near Sierra Vista as extra motivation to learn through direct hands-on experience. Brown Canyon Ranch (BCR) owned and preserved by the USDA Forest Service, is a beautiful, century-old ranch located at the mouth of Brown Canyon, and accessed by Ramsey Canyon Road beyond Calle Metate. The Western Heritage Program at Brown Canyon Ranch is sponsored by Friends of Brown Canyon Ranch.

During September and October, the Friends of Brown Canyon Ranch and the U.S. Forest Service are offering you a first-come, first-serve opportunity for a 3-hour field trip to BCR which will include history tour, science observations with high-powered scopes, western songs and poetry, fire wise teaching, hands-on ranch skills, motivation for writing and art. This program is aligned with State standards and ties in with social studies, science, language arts and fine arts. It serves as an ideal supplement to the outstanding Western Heritage Program. This program is an exemplary project of cooperation and collaboration to serve schools throughout Cochise County.

What must you do?

1. Be interested in incorporating Western Heritage into your classroom such as: history, nature concepts and skills.
2. Sign up for a field trip to Brown Canyon Ranch. Please send a request email to [Friends of the Brown Canyon Ranch](#)
3. Choose the month and day you prefer. The program will be available 8 days in September and 8 days in October on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Space will be limited, so sign up early. Transportation is usually by bus and must be at your initiative in planning with your class.
4. We can accommodate two classes at a time for a 3-hour session from 9:00 am to noon. Available dates for 2019

WHEN:

SEPTEMBER DATES:

Tues. 9/3/19 – Wed. 9/4/19
Tues. 9/10/19 - Wed. 9/11/19
Tues. 9/17/19 - Wed. 9/18/19
Tues. 9/24/19 – Wed. 9/25/19

OCTOBER DATES:

Tues. 10/1/19 – Wed. 10/2/19
Tues. 10/8/19 – Wed. 10/9/19
Tues. 10/22/19– Wed. 10/23/19
Tues. 10/29/19– Wed. 10/30/19

Preparation:

1. Learn about animals, plants, wildlife of the southwest. Utilize school & public library resources to share western art, cowboy and western music.
3. **Have water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, jeans, sturdy shoes;**

no flip-flops.

4. A restroom facility is available.
5. Students may bring a snack. It would be fine for your class to bring sack lunches if they stay for the entire 3 hours and enjoy eating at the picnic tables in the midst of ranch scenery.
6. Students will need to be respectful of the environment and use caution and care in where they step and what they touch.
7. It is essential that there be at least two attentive and involved adults per class in addition to the teacher in order to have adequate staffing.

Thank you very much for taking time to give consideration and planning for this field trip. We look forward to offering your students this unique opportunity and memorable experience. Remember, all schools are welcome to send two classes, but slots are limited (16 mornings scheduled), so sign up early to make sure we can save you a space.

Sincerely,

Brown Canyon Ranch Education Committee

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