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 campers 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:
2. From the “OUR SERVICES” menu, navigate to Summer Camps and click on the “Apply for Overnight Summer Camp” menu item.
3. Click on the “Apply for Overnight Summer Camp” graphic.
4. First time applicants please complete the enrollment form, returning applicants can click on the link for “Returning families”. Upload a current photo of your camper.
5. Click on the Enrollment tab and “Enroll in Overnight Summer Camp”. Select the enrollment option for your county and answer questions about your camper. Click “Save and Continue” to move through these steps.
6. On the Forms screen, download and print the Program and Transportation Release form. This form must be notarized.
7. Fill out the Health History form online.
8. Download and print the Camper Health Care Form (Medical Report). Have your child’s physician fill out, sign and date the Medical Report.
9. Upload the notarized Release and completed Medical Report under the Forms tab, or you may email, fax, or mail them in to the contacts at the top of the Forms screen.
10. After you submit all the forms, return to the Enrollment tab and move through the steps by clicking “Save and continue” and “Continue to checkout”. After agreeing to our terms and conditions, type in your name and click “Submit enrollment request”. You will receive a confirmation email when you complete this last step.

If you are not able to access the internet please call (386) 749-9999, or (352) 447-2259 to request a paper application.
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?
Camps 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 dietician. 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.

When will I find out if my child/children are accepted?
Once the completed application is submitted; getting it notarized, IT’S FREE!

How much does it cost?
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. 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.

What if my child doesn’t know anyone?
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