

# HATS, HORSES AND HOSPITALITY

Voice of the TANQUE VERDE RANCH® free press



## TEAM PENNING

Team Penning is a friendly, timed competition between cattle and guests on horseback. Teams of 3-6 riders are matched against a herd of 8 uncooperative cattle with the team's goal being to maneuver the cattle through a series of obstacles in the fastest time. After honing your skills, the team penning finale is to pen the cattle in one of three available pens to score the most points possible. Team Penning is done at a walk and trot. NO LOPING is allowed. Team penning is about communication with your horse, and strategy and communication with your team.

## STARLIGHT MOVIE

Starlight Movies featuring episodes from the ever popular "Lone Ranger" that aired from 1949 'til 1957 with 221 episodes and was television's first hit series. We have 78 episodes so you will never see a repeat. Another Starlight feature is the American Western comedy series "Hey Dude" about a Dude Ranch in Arizona. "Hey Dude" was filmed right here on the ranch and aired from 1989 to 1991.

## ADVENTURE RIDE

This ride should be experienced while at the ranch. The Mountain Adventure Ride is just what it sounds like, an adventure. You'll ride to the Homestead where you will join the Morning Breakfast Ride, then continue on high into the Catalina & Rincon Mountains. This ride can be enjoyed by riders of all levels.

## BREAKFAST RIDE

A refreshing start to your day, the Breakfast Rides at Tanque Verde leave you satisfied and provide you with an experience you'll remember for a lifetime.

Every Thursday and Sunday morning, ride the trails up into the desert foothills where the Old Homestead awaits with breakfast fit for a hungry cowboy. Enjoy the leisurely ride while the morning sun greets you with its warm embrace. Take a moment to close your eyes and breathe in the fresh desert air as you gently sway back and forth to the rhythm of your horse's steps. Once you reach your destination, fill up on blueberry pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and more, all cooked fresh right before your eyes.

## KIDS PROGRAM

The kids programs are available for children ages 4 through 12. We offer three groups based on experience, not age: Buckaroos, Wranglers, and Outlaws. Buckaroos are beginners who will learn the basics through a variety of activities. The Wranglers group is for our intermediate riders who will learn to communicate with their horse at a walk and trot. Experienced riders may join the Outlaws group and take part in advanced riding lessons.

Our activities will engage, educate, and entertain in addition to teaching kids how to work together. Some activities other than riding include tennis, hiking, arts and crafts, interaction with Arizona wildlife, and more. Our caring, knowledgeable team will ensure a safe and fun experience for your child.



## SUNSET RIDE

Take in the wonder of a Sonoran desert sunset on horseback. Climb the mountain trails as you take in an extraordinary view filled with endless blue sky, towering cacti, and glimpses of native wildlife. Sunset Rides can be enjoyed any night of the week for an additional fee. Please stop by the Program Office for details.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Front Desk.....	24 hours
Pools.....	24 hours
Fitness Center.....	24 hours
La Sonora Spa.....	On call
Gift Shop.....	10:00am-3:00pm
Program Office.....	Daily

## DINING HOURS

Breakfast.....	7:30am-10:00am
Lunch.....	12:00pm-1:30pm
Dinner .....	6:00pm-8:00pm
Dog House Saloon.....	5:00pm-10:30pm
Loping Ride to Breakfast.....	7:00am
Walking Ride to Breakfast.....	7:15am
Mountain Bike Ride to Breakfast.....	6:30am

## BBQ COOKOUT

Bar Opens.....	6:00pm
Dinner Served.....	6:30pm

## SUNDAY MAY 20

### RIDING LESSONS

9:30am	Lope Check or Basic Lesson
10:00am-11:30am	Intermediate Horsemanship
1:30pm	Lope Check or Basic Lesson

### HORSEBACK RIDING

7:00am-9:15am	Loping Ride to Breakfast
7:15am-9:15am	Walking Ride to Breakfast
7:15am-11:30am	<b>Mountain Adventure Ride to Breakfast</b>
10:00am-11:30am	Loping Ride
10:15am-11:45am	Walking Ride
2:00pm-3:00pm	Walking Ride

### NATURE, FITNESS AND FUN

9:00am-10:30am	Desert Nature Stroll (Nature Center 12 & up)
11:00am-noon	Visit the Nature Center
1:30pm-3:30pm	Visit the Nature Center
4:00pm	<b>Video &amp; Discussion "All about a Tarantula named Hairy-Etta"</b> (Nature Center)

### EVENING PROGRAM

8:00pm	<b>Rattlesnakes Presentation</b>
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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Bike Shop.....	3266
Front Desk/La Sonora Spa.....	0
Gift Shop.....	3295
Hiking Department.....	3267
Restaurant.....	3240
Program Office.....	3203
Tack Room.....	3761

## MONDAY MAY 21

### RIDING LESSONS

9:30am	Lope Check or Basic Lesson
10:00am-11:30am	Intermediate Horsemanship
1:30pm	Lope Check or Basic Lesson
2:00pm-3:00pm	Fundamental Horsemanship

### HORSEBACK RIDING

7:00am-8:30am	<b>Team Penning</b>
7:00am-8:30am	Loping Ride
7:15am-8:30am	Walking Ride
10:00am-11:30am	Loping Ride
10:15am-11:45am	Walking Ride
2:00pm-3:00pm	Walking Ride

### NATURE, FITNESS AND FUN

6:30am-8:30am	Good Morning Hike (Intermediate - Hiking Office)
9:00am-10:30am	Desert Nature Stroll (Nature Center 12 & up)
10:00am-12:30pm	<b>Fishing</b> (Lake Corchran) (Under 12 Accompanied by Adult)
10:45am-Noon	Visit Nature Center
1:30pm-2:30pm	<b>Water Aerobics</b>
2:00pm-4:00pm	Visit Nature Center
4:00pm	<b>Video &amp; Discussion "Hummingbirds up Close"</b> (Nature Center)

### EVENING PROGRAM

8:00pm	<b>"Practical Horsemanship"</b> (Wranglers Roost Round Pen)
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## TUESDAY MAY 22

### RIDING LESSONS

9:30am	Lope Check or Basic Lesson
10:00am-11:30am	Intermediate Horsemanship
1:30pm	Lope Check or Basic Lesson

### HORSEBACK RIDING

7:00am-8:30am	Loping Ride
7:15am-8:30am	Walking Ride
10:00am-11:30am	Loping Ride
10:15am-11:45am	Walking Ride
2:00pm-3:00pm	Walking Ride

### NATURE, FITNESS AND FUN

6:30am-8:00am	<b>Cactus Nature Walk</b> (Nature Center 12 & up)
6:30am-8:30am	Good Morning Hike (Intermediate - Hiking Office)
6:30am-8:00am	Mountain Biking (Intermediate - Bike Shop)
8:45am-10:00am	Mountain Biking (All Levels - Bike Shop)
8:30am-Noon	Visit the Nature Center
12:30pm-2:00pm	Visit the Nature Center
1:30pm-2:30pm	<b>Water Aerobics</b>
1:30pm	<b>"Snakes Alive"</b> (Nature Center)

### EVENING PROGRAM

8:00pm	<b>Dive-In Movie</b> (Poolside)
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PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY FOR DAILY ACTIVITIES WITH THE PROGRAM

## WEDNESDAY MAY 23

### RIDING LESSONS

- 9:30am Lope Check or Basic Lesson
- 10:00am-11:30am Intermediate Horsemanship
- 1:30pm Lope Check or Basic Lesson
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Fundamental Horsemanship

### HORSEBACK RIDING

- 7:00am-8:30am Loping Ride
- 7:15am-8:30am Walking Ride
- 10:00am-11:30am Loping Ride
- 10:15am-11:45am Walking Ride
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Walking Ride

### NATURE, FITNESS AND FUN

- 6:30am-8:00am **Early Bird Walk**  
(Nature Center 12 & up)
- 6:30am-8:30am **Good Morning Hike**  
(Intermediate - Hiking Office)
- 6:30am-8:00am **Mountain Biking**  
(Intermediate - Bike Shop)
- 8:30am-Noon **Visit the Nature Center**
- 8:45am-10:00am **Mountain Biking (All Levels - Bike Shop)**
- 10:00am-12:30pm **Fishing (Lake Corchran)**  
(Under 12 Accompanied by Adult)
- 12:30pm-2:30pm **Visit the Nature Center**
- 2:00pm **"Venom" (Nature Center)**
- 3:00pm-4:30pm **Water Color Workshop**

### EVENING PROGRAM

- 6:30pm **Cowboy Cookout** (Cottonwood Grove)

## THURSDAY MAY 24

### RIDING LESSONS

- 9:30am Lope Check or Basic Lesson
- 10:00am-11:30am Intermediate Horsemanship
- 1:30pm Lope Check or Basic Lesson

### HORSEBACK RIDING

- 7:00am-9:15am Loping Ride to Breakfast
- 7:15am-9:15am Walking Ride to Breakfast
- 7:15am-11:30am **Mountain Adventure Ride to Breakfast**
- 10:00am-11:30am Loping Ride
- 10:15am-11:45am Walking Ride
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Walking Ride

### NATURE, FITNESS AND FUN

- 6:30am-8:45am **Mountain Bike Ride to Breakfast**  
(All Levels - Bike Shop)
- 7:00am **Legends, Lore & Nature Walk to Breakfast**  
(Meet at Nature Center)
- 8:30am-Noon **Visit the Nature Center**
- 9:45am-11:00am **Mountain Biking (All Levels - Bike Shop)**
- 10:00am-12:30pm **Fishing (Lake Corchran)**  
(Under 12 Accompanied by Adult)
- 12:30pm-2:00pm **Visit the Nature Center**
- 1:30pm-2:30pm **Water Aerobics**
- 1:30pm **"Snakes Alive" (Nature Center)**

### EVENING PROGRAM

- 8:00pm **Precious Ores of Arizona**

## FRIDAY MAY 25

### RIDING LESSONS

- 9:30am Lope Check or Basic Lesson
- 10:00am-11:30am Intermediate Horsemanship
- 1:30pm Lope Check or Basic Lesson
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Fundamental Horsemanship

### HORSEBACK RIDING

- 7:00am-8:30am **Team Penning**
- 7:00am-8:30am Loping Ride
- 7:15am-8:30am Walking Ride
- 10:00am-11:30am Loping Ride
- 10:15am-11:45am Walking Ride
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Walking Ride

### NATURE, FITNESS AND FUN

- 6:30am-8:00am **Mountain Biking (Intermediate - Bike Shop)**
- 6:30am-8:30am **Desert Photo Hike**  
(Easy - Hiking Office)
- 8:45am-10:00am **Mountain Biking (All Levels - Bike Shop)**
- 9:30am-11:00am **The Food & Pharmacy of the Desert Walk**  
(Nature Center 12 & up)
- 11:00am-Noon **Visit the Nature Center**
- 12:30pm-2:00pm **Visit the Nature Center**

### EVENING PROGRAM

- 8:00pm **Dive In Movie** (Poolside)

## SATURDAY MAY 26

### RIDING LESSONS

- 7:00am-8:30am Advanced Horsemanship
- 9:30am Lope Check or Basic Lesson
- 10:00am-11:30am Intermediate Horsemanship
- 1:30pm Lope Check or Basic Lesson

### HORSEBACK RIDING

- 7:00am-8:30am Loping Ride
- 7:15am-8:30am Walking Ride
- 10:00am-11:30am Loping Ride
- 10:15am-11:45am Walking Ride
- 2:00pm-3:00pm **Advanced Obstacle Course**

### NATURE, FITNESS AND FUN

- 6:30am-8:30am **Good Morning Hike**  
(Intermediate - Hiking Office)
- 6:30am-8:00am **Mountain Biking**  
(Intermediate - Bike Shop)
- 8:45am-10:00am **Mountain Biking (All Levels - Bike Shop)**
- 9:00am-10:30am **Desert Nature Stroll**  
(Nature Center 12 & up)
- 10:30am-12:30pm **Fishing (Lake Corchran)**  
(Under 12 Accompanied by Adult)
- 11:00am-Noon **Visit the Nature Center**
- 1:30pm-4:00pm **Visit the Nature Center**
- 4:00pm **Video & Discussion "Life of the Rattlesnake"** (Nature Center)

### EVENING PROGRAM

- 6:30pm **Cowboy Cookout** (Cottonwood Grove)

7:00am  
Breakfast Ride



## OUTDOOR BBQ

Twice a week, head down to Cottonwood Grove for a down-home ranch barbeque experience. Fill your plate with mouth-watering ribs or steaks, homemade cornbread, fresh fruit and much more as you listen to live music. Take a seat fireside and join other guests as you take a moment to savor all the great food, authentic entertainment, good company and incredible scenery. And just because you're at a barbeque, doesn't mean your sweet-tooth won't be satisfied...a large dessert table hosts a variety of freshly baked sweets to suit any craving.

## HIKING

Pack your hiking boots and get ready to explore several destinations on foot! Tanque Verde Ranch offers outstanding guided adventures on desert hiking trails right from our doorstep. Take in the breathtaking Sonoran Desert or rugged canyons and mountains of the Rincon and Catalina ranges. Desert wildlife, unique cacti, hidden waterfalls and other natural splendors are waiting to be discovered. Our guided hiking program offers miles of beautiful trails. Experienced, knowledgeable guides can take you deep into the Saguaro National Park and the Coronado National Forest.

Hikes range from easy to difficult, allowing everyone to participate; options include level desert hikes and excursions into the Rincon Mountains with elevation gains of up to 1500 feet. Depending on the season, half-day hikes or sunset and sunrise hikes are available. Private hikes are also available upon request.

As an extension of our hiking program, we offer hiking trips to unique locations across the globe. International experiences include: Hiking the Swiss Alps and Hiking in England.

## MOUNTAIN BIKING

Experience the rush of exploring Southwestern terrain on a full-suspension mountain bike! A true desert adventure, bicycling through Arizona's mountains and desert landscape is a ride not to be missed.

The Ranch offers over 600 acres of Sonoran Desert riddled with single-track mountain biking trails. Riding experiences vary and cater to beginners and advanced riders. Off-site rides are also available, offering unique experiences with a variety of elevation and landscapes.

Helmets and gloves are provided, and you will be set up with a finely tuned bicycle fitted to your individual needs. Simply bring your own sense of adventure and get ready for the ride of a lifetime. For an additional fee, off-site rides are available.

## NATURE CENTER

The Sonoran Desert is one of the world's most diverse habitats. Plants and wildlife not only survive the harsh climate, but thrive in it. Discover the desert's biodiversity of unique cactus, birds, mammals and reptiles on our daily interpretive nature walks led by our knowledgeable naturalists. In our nature center you can get a closer look at live native desert animals, as well as gems and minerals of the southwest. Our naturalists are there to provide information and answer any questions you may have.

## BASIC LESSON

The Basic Lesson will give you instructions on the skills needed to enjoy any of the Walking Rides.

## INTERMEDIATE LESSON

The Intermediate Lesson will cover walk, trot and control. Loping will also be taught under the watchful eye of our skilled wrangler/instructors. We recommend the Intermediate Lesson prior to taking the Lope Check.

## LOPE CHECK

The Lope Check is for advanced riders. It is not a lesson, but an assessment of your riding skills to assure your safety on the Lope Rides.

## HARMONY WITH HORSES

Harmony with Horses offers an informative, entertaining and in-depth experience you will never forget. Allow us to customize a program for you. We offer individual and group programs ranging from half day, full day, and up to five days with a variety of topics covered. **Women of the West** (for women only) - develop your confidence from the ground up; **Family Horse Camp** - quality time for the whole family; **Cowboy Boot Camp** - intense hands on from A to Z; **Back in the Saddle** - a fresh start from a bad experience; **First Timers** - a gentle introduction to your first horse; **Mountaineers** - pack a saddlebag and climb.

## DOG HOUSE SALOON

Visit the Dog House Saloon to cool off after a hot day in the sun. Grab an ice cold beer or a Prickly Pear Margarita and some fresh popcorn for a relaxing break.



## LA SONORA SPA

Our spa is the ultimate spot to relax, find peace of mind and wind down from an adventurous day in the desert. Surrender yourself to the soothing touch of massage specialists or refresh yourself with a skin renewal treatment. Organic and locally made, the spa's products nourish your body and soothe your soul.

Afterwards, cool down from the desert sun in the spa's indoor pool where large windows look out over the mountainous Arizona landscape. A whirlpool and sauna also accompany the spa in order to provide you with the finest pampering experience.