

Oak Ranch

Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) provides a residential ranch program for children. Oak Ranch, located near Broadway, North Carolina, is a first placement opportunity for at-risk boys and girls between the ages 8 to 17. Early intervention in the lives of hurting children is key to the success of this program.



Children come from a variety of situations where they have faced things too difficult for them to resolve alone – abuse, neglect, abandonment, and family crisis. They often struggle with feelings of rejection, confusion, frustration, sadness, and fear. BCH's Oak Ranch environment provides each boy and girl place where he can experience hope, encouragement and understanding. Children are offered a helping hand at a critical time and are patiently and lovingly guided to reach their maximum potential. The program works with children and their families to create new patterns of living and a new prospective on life.

Children attend Harnett County Public Schools while living at Oak Ranch.

Equine Therapy: BCH's Equine Therapy Program is a vital component to the ranch experience. Residents participate in a highly-structured, supervised equine therapy program. Curriculum is designed around the specific needs of each participant.

The experience impacts a child's self-esteem while helping them to learn the power of making good choices, leadership skills and ultimately, positive life values.

Location: Oak Ranch is a 755-acre multi-use ranch facility located south of Raleigh on the Lee-Harnett County line near Broadway.

Facilities: Oak Ranch contains residential cottages, horses, and a mile of frontage on the Cape Fear River. Each cottage has more than 4,000 sq ft. of living space. Oak Ranch offers opportunities such as: trail hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, fishing, canoeing, cross-country running, GPS activities, soccer, frisbee, capture the flag, basketball, and laser tag. The facility is also an excellent location for experiential team building



activities. The natural environment of Oak Ranch provides opportunities to learn to trust others, to believe in themselves, and to value teamwork through their experiences.

Goals: The children are responsible for maintaining their own room and bathroom, their own laundry, and the common areas they share. Each child is also assigned



daily chores in their cottage and regular chores on the ranch. Chores center around learning life skills such as basic maintenance, carpentry, landscaping, etc. Child care workers organize Bible studies, field trips, and outdoor and indoor activities when children are not in school. Each child attends weekly individual and group counseling sessions. Case managers carefully draw up an individualized service plan for each child and family. The plan establishes goals that a child and family work toward.

Through highly trained, licensed and experienced personnel, BCH provides counseling in which children are challenged and encouraged to develop spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically.

Spiritually: Residents attend church with the child care workers and participate in daily devotion times. The Christian lifestyle is exemplified and modeled by the staff members at Oak Ranch.



Intellectually:

Children go to public schools and are given individual help with academics after school.

Emotionally: Children are loved by dedicated child care workers and staff members who are there to talk with, to show guidance, and to nurture.

Socially: While living together and working

together as a group, residents also go on outings away from campus.

Physically: Children at Oak Ranch have daily opportunities to develop physically by participating in sporting, adventure and equine activities.

Cost: Fees for services are based on a sliding scale according to each family's financial situation. DSS and social service custodians will pay based on a pre-established purchase of service charge.

Information and Referrals: To inquire about admission, call the intake social worker at:

PH: 336-474-1229

Email: referral@bchfamily.org

To learn more, see more photos and read Oak Ranch's online journal, go to: www.bchfamily.org/ranch

To correspond, mail to:

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To visit, call 919-258-5437 to schedule an appointment.

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