



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to ANT programs! Thank you for entrusting your children to our care. It is our great privilege to walk beside our participants as they discover their inner strengths. We are looking forward to deepening connections with returning youth and getting to know wonderful newcomers.

Spring Quarter 2019 runs the week of April 8th through the week of June 3rd, eight weeks total. We are closed on federal holidays.

Absences: If your child will be *absent* from a session, please call us no later than **two hours** before the session time. There is **no** opportunity to make up missed days. Two unexcused sessions may cause your child to lose their spot in the quarter and may affect future scholarship opportunities. Unexcused absences will be charged the full or agreed-upon fee. If you cannot realistically commit to an 8-week session, we may ask that you enroll in the next quarter.

The office number is (360) 671-3509.

Attendance: Please treat ANT sessions like a doctor or therapy appointment. We expect participants to be on time and be consistent. We have a waitlist for our programs and want to ensure that enrolled families are committed to these sessions as these spots are valuable.

Youth that come to the farm consistently are better able to build healing relationship with their horse and will get the most out of this program. If your child is resistant to coming because they had a bad day, those are truly the best days to come to the farm. Please do not let a bad day at school interrupt this important process.

The work we do in our groups is affected by youth missing sessions. We build lessons upon each other and work with your youth on their skills for handling emotions and social situations. Please do not use missing a session at ANT as a negative consequence for a youth's misbehavior at home or school. We find that most youth actually are better able to manage themselves at home or school if they *are* attending each week.