



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for entrusting your wonderful children to ANT. It is our great privilege to walk beside our participants as they find hope and healing with the animals.

Important Information:

Absences:

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. If you cannot realistically commit to an 9-week session, we may ask that you enroll in the next quarter.

Attendance: Please treat ANT sessions like a doctor or therapy appointment. Be on time and consistent. We have a waitlist here at the farm 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 relationships 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.

This is a drop off program. You are welcome to walk your child in to the group and stay with them as they get comfortable at first if needed. However, we request that parents not stay on ANT property during sessions. Program time is private time for youth to challenge themselves and explore possibilities without outside observation.

We offer a Family Session during the 7th week of the quarter. One or two adult family members or grownups are invited to join your youth's session to experience with them what they are learning. This can be very important for your child so please make every attempt to join us that day.

Again, thank you for giving us the honor of coming to know and learn with your youth.

In gratitude,
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