

CHRISTMAS GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS - 2014

A student must be on the proper level to have a Christmas visit. Students who arrived at SRS prior to July 1, 2014, will be able to go on a home visit during the holidays if they are on the proper level.

Students arriving at SRS between July 1, 2014, and October 31, 2014, will be able to go on local visits of three to four days if they are Level Three.

There will be no visits for Level One's, even if they get Level One immediately before scheduled visit, and for students arriving at SRS after October 31, 2014.

1. TRAVEL

1. Dates for Christmas ride share to the airport are:

Students leaving Salt Lake City Airport on Thursday, December 18th or Monday, December 22nd, between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Students returning to Salt Lake City Airport on Tuesday, December 30th, between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. **All students need to return on Tuesday, December 30th.**

2. Above transportation will be cost-sharing. The charge for transportation on December 18th, 22nd, and 30th will be \$165.00 per child for one way. **DO NOT SCHEDULE TRIPS FOR DAYS AND TIMES between DECEMBER 18th and JANUARY 5th other than those listed above. We will not have the staff to accommodate additional trips.**
3. We do not transport students to any other airports, including Las Vegas.
4. Be aware when buying non-refundable tickets that a student may have Christmas vacation privileges suspended at any time he/she drops to level one.
5. All arrangements must be made, and a copy of all travel itinerary, plane ticket, and confirmation numbers must be received by Sorenson's *three weeks in advance of travel date* so that travel arrangements can be made. All medications will be sent by mail in advance for a home visit. Please send all information to the attention of Marlene Hatch who coordinates all travel arrangements. You may fax information to 435-638-7582 or via e-mail to administration@sorensonsranch.com

2. GIFTS

1. Please avoid expensive, extravagant, or many gifts since some students may receive few packages. Some suggestions are: photos, photo book, AM/FM alarm clock radio, socks, underwear, gloves, yarn, chap stick, cards, puzzles, pencils, pajama bottoms for boys and girls, tack, spurs, school supplies (binders), games, stationary, snow boots, skateboards, helmets, blankets, quilts, fishing gear, personal hygiene items, hat looms, clothes, watch, stud earrings, etc.
2. Mail by December 10th and mark OPEN DECEMBER 25th on the outside of any packages. All packages received after December 15th, will be held until Christmas unless marked OPEN NOW. Daily Hanukkah gifts should be marked with the date for opening. **No food items** or electronics. See Student Manual for list of items students cannot have.
3. Students will not have a chance to shop for family gifts. They may be encouraged to make and send cards or letters, but time and money preclude shopping with each student.

3. ON CAMPUS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

1. Activities will be planned for those staying on campus during the vacation time. Some of these may incur additional costs.
2. Please limit telephone calls to the normal 10 or 15 minutes per call whenever possible.

4. STUDENT CONTRACT FOR HOLIDAY VISIT: PARENT COPY IS ATTACHED.

VISIT CONTRACT
Sorenson's Ranch School

I, _____, promise to follow the terms of the following contract, understanding that any breach of terms may result in my parent/parents/guardian canceling my visit and returning me to SRS. I assert that I have chosen to change old habits and maintain a standard of behavior that complies 100% with my parent's/parents'/guardian's expectations and what I know to be in my own best interest. I understand that I must be level three or higher to go on a visit and if I drop below level three, my visit will be cancelled.

- 1) At the beginning of my visit, I will review this contract with my parent/parents/guardian and will find out from them what, if any, additional or amended guidelines need to be agreed to. We will add these to this contract and we will sign it at that time. I understand that this contract is to be returned to my therapist or case manager upon my return to campus with my parent's/parents'/guardian's initials indicating whether I complied or did not comply with the contract.
- 2) I will not use drugs, alcohol, or any controlled or harmful substance, including tobacco.
- 3) I will follow my parent's/parents'/guardian's rules and directives without challenge. I understand that this means that I will not argue, throw tantrums, or make threats or ultimatums. No means No.
- 4) I will be respectful to all my family members.
- 5) I will not use the telephone/computer without permission and supervision by my parent/parents/guardian. I will not answer the phone unless requested by my parent/parents/guardian. I will not use any social networking sites or access the internet.
- 6) I will not isolate myself from the family. I understand that I must follow family rules at all times.
- 7) I will be involved in family activities as planned. I will dress and behave appropriately.
- 8) I understand that this visit is being provided as part of my treatment for establishing a positive relationship with my family. I will not communicate with my friends via phone, e-mail, instant messaging, sites such as MySpace, or in person. I will not contact any current/former students from SRS.
- 9) I understand that if I violate any of the above rules, I will lose rights and privileges and receive consequences upon my return to SRS.
- 10) I understand that upon my return to Sorenson's Ranch I will be searched immediately, and that my therapist or case manager may order a drug test. I also understand that I may not bring any food or jewelry back to SRS from my visit.
- 11) I will leave campus and return in full dress code, including grooming.
- 12) I will follow all of SRS policies while I am on my visit.
- 13) Three-month visits are 1-2 days and students must return to campus by 8:30 p.m. Overnights permitted at therapist's discretion. Students must stay within 60 minutes of campus. Visits at Christmas may be different.
- 14) Six-month visits are 3-5 days. Overnights are permitted. Students may go as far south as St. George and as far north as Salt Lake. Visits at Christmas may be different.

(Please write additional rules on back or attach paper)

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Case Manager/ Therapist Signature: _____

Date: _____

_____ Complied _____ Did not Comply