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SSR Religious Activity

Stepping Stones Ranch is a faith based organization. As a part of our program, we feel that spiritual development is important to help heal, provide meaning of life, and encourage hope for our students and their families. We follow the teaching of scriptures in the Bible as our standard and model of values, beliefs and actions as we strive to grow in our spiritual development.

We invite our students to be a part of this spiritual journey with us. We base our faith on a personal relationship with God which is made possible through His Son, Jesus Christ. It is common that the staff openly talks about their own faith as how God has helped them through difficult situations or how they have experienced God at work.

We encourage students to participate in religious activities in ways that are comfortable for them. This includes the following activities:

Daily Ranch Devotions: A time of discussing topics and values from a Biblical perspective.

Weekly Church Services: Youth are invited and expected to attend church with a staff member of Stepping Stones Ranch. There are different church services to choose from to help each student find a church that they feel the most comfortable. Youth are expected to attend church on Sunday mornings, but they are given the freedom to respond in a manner of their own choosing during worship.

Local Church Activities: Youth may participate in local mission or fellowship church activities as supervised by a SSR staff member who is also participating in the church activity.

A student will not receive "punishment" for refusing to attend a religious activity. If a student chooses not to attend the above mentioned religious activities or is distraught over religious activities, a meeting will be scheduled the following week with that student, parent/guardian and SSR staff to determine if Stepping Stones Ranch is the best option for the students' development. Parents, guardians and custodial care providers should take in consideration the religious activity of SSR to determine the best fit for student.

I have read the above explanation of Religious Activities of SSR and understand the focus of religious activities for the spiritual development of students. I agree to have my child participate in the religious activities as a part of the overall program development of Stepping Stones Ranch.

Name of Student _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____