

THE LEARNING CENTER AT



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CROSSROADS RANCH is a working horse ranch and farm providing a multi-subject educational and recreational experiences for youth in Sonoma County. We offer a variety of learning activities appropriate for kids from preschool (3 years) through high school (18 years).

Crossroads Ranch is a learning center, where activities focus around our horse and pony herd. We teach safe and sensitive handling, care, feeding, grooming, and riding of the horse. Along with our horse and pony herd, CROSSROADS RANCH is home for a variety of farm animals. Kids interact with sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, rabbits and of course, our barn cats and ranch dogs.

We support Home Schooling parents and Charter School teachers with their curriculum goals, providing opportunities that encompass P.E., Physical Science, Math, and Language Arts. Igniting natural curiosity and the excitement to learn, Home Schooled and Charter Schooled students alike are welcomed at CROSSROADS RANCH on Tuesdays from 10:00–1:00 in addition to our after-school daycare hours Mondays and Thursdays 3:00–5:00 and Wednesdays 2:00–5:00. (see information under Daycare)



"CROSSROAD'S Kids"
Are Learning:

- Caring for and support animals & each other
- Working as a team and take initiative
- Making new friends
- Volunteering for a multitude of tasks with pleasure
- Facing challenges and fears
- Having humor & ease with animals & each other.
- Catching, & leading a pony or large horse.
- Grooming, saddling & riding a pony or large horse
- Using farm tools to maintain & care for animals
- Participating in a variety of "barn chores"
- Feeding chickens & collecting eggs
- *Seeing chicks hatch or witnessing a "lambling"
- *Watching a sheep shearing
- Holding baby farm animals
- Playing with all sorts of animals and friends

Skills "CROSSROADS Kids"

Are Building:



- **Curiosity** – Interest in the world outside of themselves.
- **Optimism** – Confidence about outcomes by re framing their view of situations, others, and themselves
- **Impulse Control** – Resisting impulsive action, and regulate their energies into more appropriate action
- **Perseverance** – Invest in tasks on behalf animals and others by delaying success for themselves
- **Courage** – Take ownership of what needs to be accomplished, and overcome fears and aversions
- **Communication** – listen to others and express themselves with respect
- **Collaboration** – participate and help with confidence
- **Compassion & Empathy** – Imagine the feelings of an animals & others offering attention and caring action
- **Resilience** – Ability to withstand frustration and recover quickly and manage small problems easily.
- **Reverence** – Sense wonder for the larger world.

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