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Taylor Ranch Caretaker

1. Students

- a. Help them with getting acquainted with the ranch and surrounding area.
- b. Help them with any reasonable request related to their respective project.
- c. Responsible for their basic safety concerning the use of horses and woodsman-ship.
- d. Find them if they don't come back when planned.

2. Airstrip

- a. Keep the strip properly irrigated to maintain sod turf, and minimize sand & gravel.
- b. Keep clear of obstructions on days it is scheduled for use.

1. horses

2. water

3. snow or tall grass - in season

4. trees

- c. Cut and haul the hay from the middle as requested by local pilots.
- d. Keep the snow rolled as needed so it is usable during the winter.

when first needed?

once/wk?

3. Public Relations

- a. Keep the airstrip use strictly to planes cleared through Moscow, but without undue antagonism.
- b. Be courteous to hikers and riders but don't let them camp on the ranch.
- c. Be firm in your relations with ex-students and their desire to come back and visit every summer - clear through Moscow.
- d. Recognize the people who only become a "good" friend after they find out where you live + work. Keep personal friends + family visits to a minimum.

4. Wood Supply

- a. Be sure there is adequate wood at each building (7) for the winter, and for summer cooking use.

5. Building Maintenance

- a. adhere to a regular oiling plan for each building
- b. clean all chimneys each and every fall - and as needed.

CORDS?

HOW OFTEN?

WHAT USE?

5. Building Maintenance (cont)

- c. See that the water supply is turned on in the spring and drained in the fall as required
- d. Set up a cleaning agreement with the students when they arrive.
- e. Responsible for other basic maintenance stuck doors, cracked windows, etc!
- f. Control the rat population - they are in the foundations of every building

6. Water Supply

- a. maintain pipelines - repair or replace as needed
- b. keep spring boxes (3) clean
- c. be prepared to pack all water for at least 3 months every year.
(Jan - Feb - March)

7. Horses

- a. keep them adequately fed, watered and salted.
- b. keep them shod when used off the ranch - trimmed when not shod.

7. Horra (cow)

- c. Share the responsibility of deciding which students are qualified to use pack + saddle stock and which are not.

8. Femra

- a. Keep fences up to keep horses in fields and maintain marsh apparatus
- b. see that gates are in working order
- c. repair when needed

9. Dringator

- a. Clean all ditches of full debris in spring.
- b. keep the respective fields watered and in good condition during the summer - "Traditionally about water in April + about 1/2 of in September"
- c. keep fence trees + yards watered

10. Gardens

- a. plow in the spring
- b. haul manure from corral to them
- c. plant, water and harvest

11. Orchard

- a. prune in February
- b. water trees as needed
- c. thin fruit for nice size apples
- d. spray for bugs + fungus if needed
- e. keep the bears from tearing the trees down
- f. harvest apples and store

12. Haying

- a. drag meadows and airstrip in spring to spread out horse manure + smooth up bumps.
- b. cut hay when ready
- c. rake hay when dry enough
- d. haul hay to stack yard and build a hay stack
- e. feed what is necessary to team while haying

13. Tack - (saddles + harness)

- a. keep repaired, cleaned and oiled on a yearly program
- b. see that the proper gear is used on the correct horse - see that it fits
- c. keep rats from saddles + blankets

14. Yards

- a. keep the yards watered
- b. mow them for ranch appearance
- c. clean up pinecones + branches
 1. Taylor's yard
 2. Duplex yard
 3. Old cabin yard (cardinals).
 4. Shop + small cabin yard

I'm sure there are many many little necessary jobs I've missed but they will come with practice and bring here.