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Greetings from Flying R Ranch

There's still time to get some riding in before the holidays. The Flying R is open all year and would love to have you. We have been really enjoying watching the eagles fly here on the ranch. They come every October and stay for the winter.

Look for our 2014 Calendar of Events Coming Soon! The calendar will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Come celebrate Thanksgiving here with us as we give thanks for the wonderful year we have shared with all of you.

Terry & Pam Carroll

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*Gourmet Meal packages
Open Year Round
Miles of trails*

Thanksgiving Ride

November 29-December 1



Join us as we give thanks for a great trail riding season and all the blessings of the year at our annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner. Flying R will provide Deep Fried Turkeys, Sweet Potatoes and Dinner Rolls. Other dishes will be potluck from our guests. Saturday bring your favorite dishes up to the lodge! So come saddle up, enjoy our beautiful fall weather and work up an appetite. What better way to celebrate all the blessings we are thankful for, good food and good friends at Flying R Ranch!



Winterizing Your Trailer

We know it's hard to do, but every year we have to winterize our trailers and wait for the next riding season.

Here is a list of things that are useful to do if you are planning on not using your LQ trailer during the winter, or if you are going to be storing it for an extended period.

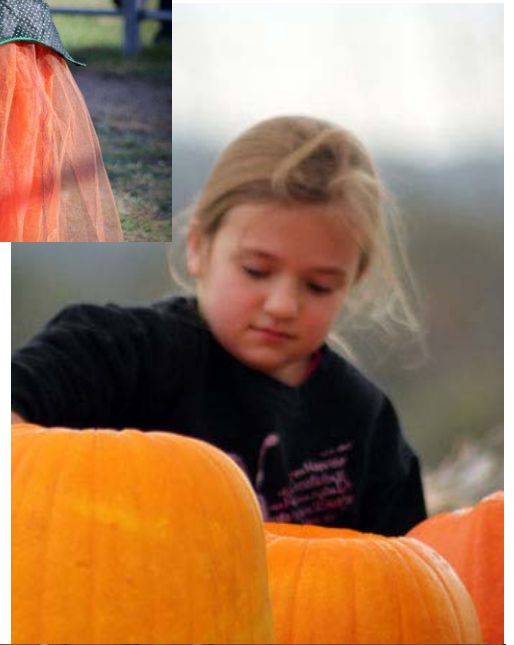
- Empty all of your holding tanks.
- Drain water from all the valves inside your trailer. Make sure you get them all!
- Open the panel outside your trailer where your water heater is. Flip the switch that drains the water from it. Your water heater will drain a little faster if you open a couple of hot water taps in your trailer. Drain all water from any outside water tanks as well.

- Leave the valves open so water won't condensate or drip down and cause the valves or other plumbing parts to freeze and crack. You'll need to remember to close the valves again when getting ready for your next trip.
- Put RV antifreeze into the drains of your sink, toilet and shower. You may wish to run the antifreeze through your water pump and if so you'll need a gallon or two for each winterizing.
- Defrost and clean the refrigerator. Leave the door cracked and put an open box of baking soda in it to absorb odors.
- Clean the oven or microwave.
- Clean the inside of the living quarters and remove all perishable food items to avoid attracting pests. Leave all drawers, doors and cabinets open to air.
- Clean the horse part of the trailer of all hay and horse feed so that it doesn't mold or attract pests.
- Clean the air-conditioner if you have one and cover it with a heavy plastic bag.
- Seal all outside openings.
- Check battery water.
- For extended periods consider removing or disconnecting the deep cycle, and lead-acid batteries.
- Turn off the pilot lights and the propane.
- Make sure all of your tanks, heaters, pumps, appliances and electrical switches are turned off.
- If storing your trailer outside, cover its tires. It's a good idea first to check tire pressures and make sure they are at the correct pressure. Covering the tires any time the trailer will be sitting for more than a week may be a good idea.
- If you have a generator check the oil and see if the filter needs changing.
- Close all the blinds and curtains, and protect them from sun fading by placing foil or paper between the windows and screen.
- Make sure all windows, doors, and vents are closed securely. Cover exterior vents on appliances to prevent moisture and insects from entering during storage.
- Wash and wax the exterior of your trailer.
- Wash and clean out the inside of the horse part of the trailer.
- Make sure you don't forget any valves!
- It's also a good idea to do these things while the trailer is not being used for extended periods:
- Check the interior of the horse trailer periodically to make sure leaks have not developed or condensation formed that can cause damage to your interior. Condensation can easily be observed as moisture accumulation on windows and mirrors. To reduce condensation, make sure to air the horse trailer out occasionally during storage.
- Check your batteries once a month for charge. If the charge is 80% or less, it should be recharged. Be sure that your battery or batteries have the proper water level and that they are fully charged. A discharged battery will freeze and crack the case, ruining the battery. In storage, a battery will lose charge gradually over a 30 to 45 day period, even when disconnected by use of the battery disconnect switch.
- **Be sure to read your owner's manual and follow any additional information on storage, cleaning, and winterizing procedures.**



Halloween Spook Ride 2013

... Spooky fun was had by all on Halloween Weekend. Check out the creative costumes!



Thank you! From all of us at Flying R!

CHEF CHRIS'S

Recipe of the Month



Butternut Squash Soup with Apple and Bacon

8 slices bacon, cut crosswise into 1/4-inch strips

2-1/2 lb. butternut squash (about 1 medium), peeled, seeded, and cut into 1/2-inch dice (to yield about 6 cups)

1 small Granny Smith or other tart-sweet apple, peeled, cored, and cut into 1/2-inch dice (to yield about 1 cup)

1-1/2 Tbs. finely chopped fresh sage leaves

1 tsp. kosher salt

1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

4 cups homemade or low-salt chicken or vegetable broth

In a 5-quart or larger stockpot set over medium heat, cook the bacon, stirring occasionally, until crisp and golden, 8 to 10 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the bacon to a plate lined with paper towels.

Increase heat to medium high. Add the squash to the pot with the bacon fat and cook until lightly browned, 4 to 6 minutes (resist the urge to stir it too often or it won't brown). Stir in the apple, sage, salt, and pepper and cook for about 4 minutes (you'll see more browning occur on the bottom of the pot than on the vegetables). Add the broth, scraping up any browned bits in the pot with a wooden spoon. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce the heat to maintain a simmer, and cook until the squash and apples are very soft, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove from the heat and let cool somewhat.

Add about half the bacon to the soup and purée, using a stand or immersion blender (you'll need to work in batches if using a stand blender). Taste and add more salt and pepper if needed. Reheat the soup and garnish each serving with the remaining bacon.

*Hold your taters till your gravy cools.
...Anonymous Cowboy*

Flying R Testimonials

Let other campers know what you think about us here at Flying R Ranch. Go to www.horsetraildirectory.com and submit a review. Click on Missouri and scroll down to West Plains-Flying R Ranch then click on Submit Review. If you haven't had a chance to visit us yet, this great website will give you good information from people who have stayed with us. You can also send reviews straight to us at info@flying-r-ranch.com.

We look forward to having new friends and seeing old friends in the upcoming season. Don't forget we are open year round.

Had yet another wonderful time and the owner, Terry is wonderful and goes out of his way to make your stay enjoyable. The staff are super nice too!! The trails on the property criss-cross and can be confusing (but I hear they are changing that). When you get over into the Forest, there are many, many trails to ride. The Western weekend was a blast!! It's a great place to go for sure and I will be back!!

Lori B.-October 2013

What a fantastic place! This was our first time visiting and I made reservations for June before I left. The Trails are absolutely beautiful. The campgrounds are very clean and well kept. Safe stalls that are well shaded, free shavings, many picks and wheel barrows at each barn. Water at each barn. The trails are well marked but I still managed to get lost, this is not unusual for me. The meals are fantastic and well prepared, although I thought the price was a little expensive. It was nice not having to cook and clean up. The Lodge has everything you might have forgotten. The bathrooms are very clean and very nice. I can't wait to go back! May just be my new favorite place.

Gina A.-May 2013

Reservations for camping and trail riding are available year round.

Call or check our website for more information on upcoming rides and clinics.

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