



SERMON ON THE MOUNT REGIONAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2019

PRESENTED BY

**PARADISE
RANCH**
Life-Transforming Horsemanship



Important Weekend Information

Thank you for registering for the Sermon On The Mount Regional Conference! We are looking forward to an awesome weekend with you!

- Check in is at 1:30PM on Tuesday, September 3rd at Paradise Ranch
 - Attendees must pay their final balance one week before the event
 - Your housing assignment will be given when you at Check-In. One of our staff will direct you to your housing location
 - If you require a Late Check-In, please call our office during business hours, if possible, so we can offer assistance with Check-In when you arrive
 - Following Check-In you will be given a Conference outline, orientation, and other helpful information by the Paradise Ranch staff
- The Conference will wrap up on Thursday at 7:00 PM
- If you have any special needs or dietary needs, please let us know about those at least 2 weeks ahead of time on your online health form
- The Mercantile is climate controlled, so it will be a comfortable space all weekend long
- Grace Adventures has zero tolerance for illegal substances and/or intoxicants, including marijuana and alcohol, on all of our properties, in all of our facilities and vehicles, and at all of our events. All such substances are strictly prohibited.

Housing

Paradise Ranch

- Participants are housed in the bunkhouses at Paradise Ranch
- Housing is assigned by Grace Adventures Staff
- Attendees must bring their own bedding, including pillow, sheets, and/or sleeping bag
- All housing and buildings are smoke-free
- Housing units are single gender three-season Cabins – please bring weather appropriate bedding
- Bunkhouses and the main bathhouse are not heated
- Housing is subject to change in case of cold weather or available space.

Helpful Information

Horseback Riding Participants

Bring Your Own

We provide temporary outdoor stalls to board horses in during the conference. Horse boarding is available on a first-come first-serve basis. Also, please fill out the rider and horse profile information during registration.

Use Our Horses

If you cannot bring your own horse, no problem! A horse can be provided for you from the Paradise Ranch herd. Please indicate that you require a horse during registration and fill out the rider profile information.

Ask Questions

We would love to help answer any questions you have before or during the weekend. Please contact us or ask a staff member so we can assist you and make your experience exceptional.

Conference Online Registration

The Sermon On The Mount Conference registration is done completely online. With your registration, we will require a completed health and liability waiver form. This helps make us aware of any medical needs and allows anytime access to you and our staff without the hassle of paper forms.

Online Registration

Use these basic steps to register yourself for the retreat

1. Go to GraceAdventures.org and click the “Register For Camp” button at the top or the “Register Here” button on the Sermon On The Mount webpage
2. Click the corresponding button to register “Self”
3. Login or create a new account
4. Complete the deposit payment for your registration
5. Complete the health and liability waiver forms for you

You can view your registration information anytime by logging into your account and clicking “View Itineraries”. From there you can complete necessary forms.

Schedule

(This is a tentative schedule for your planning purposes, some details may change)

Tuesday

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| 1:30pm | Check-In |
| 2:30 | Orientation |
| 3:00 | Horsemanship Ministry Overview |
| 3:30 | How to prepare a Teachable Moment |
| 5:00 | Dinner |
| 6:00 | Principle Based Training |
| 8:00 | Trail ride |
| 9:00 | Campfire Networking |

Wednesday

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| 7:00am | Chores |
| 7:30 | Breakfast |
| 8:00 | Devotional |
| 8:30 - 10:30 | Horsemanship Ministry Workshops |
| 11:00 - 12:15 | Teachable Moment teach backs |
| 12:30pm | Lunch |
| 1:30-4:30 | Principle Based Training |
| 5:00 | Dinner |
| 6:30 | Community SOTM |
| 8:00 | Trail ride/Arena riding |
| 9:00 | Campfire Networking |

Thursday

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| 7:00am | Chores |
| 7:30 | Breakfast |
| 8:00 | Devotional |
| 8:30 - 10:30 | Horsemanship Ministry Workshops |
| 11:00 - 12:15 | Teachable Moment teach backs |
| 12:30pm | Lunch |
| 1:30 - 4:30 | Principle Based Training |
| 5:30 | Closing Dinner |
| 7:00 | Departure |

Directions

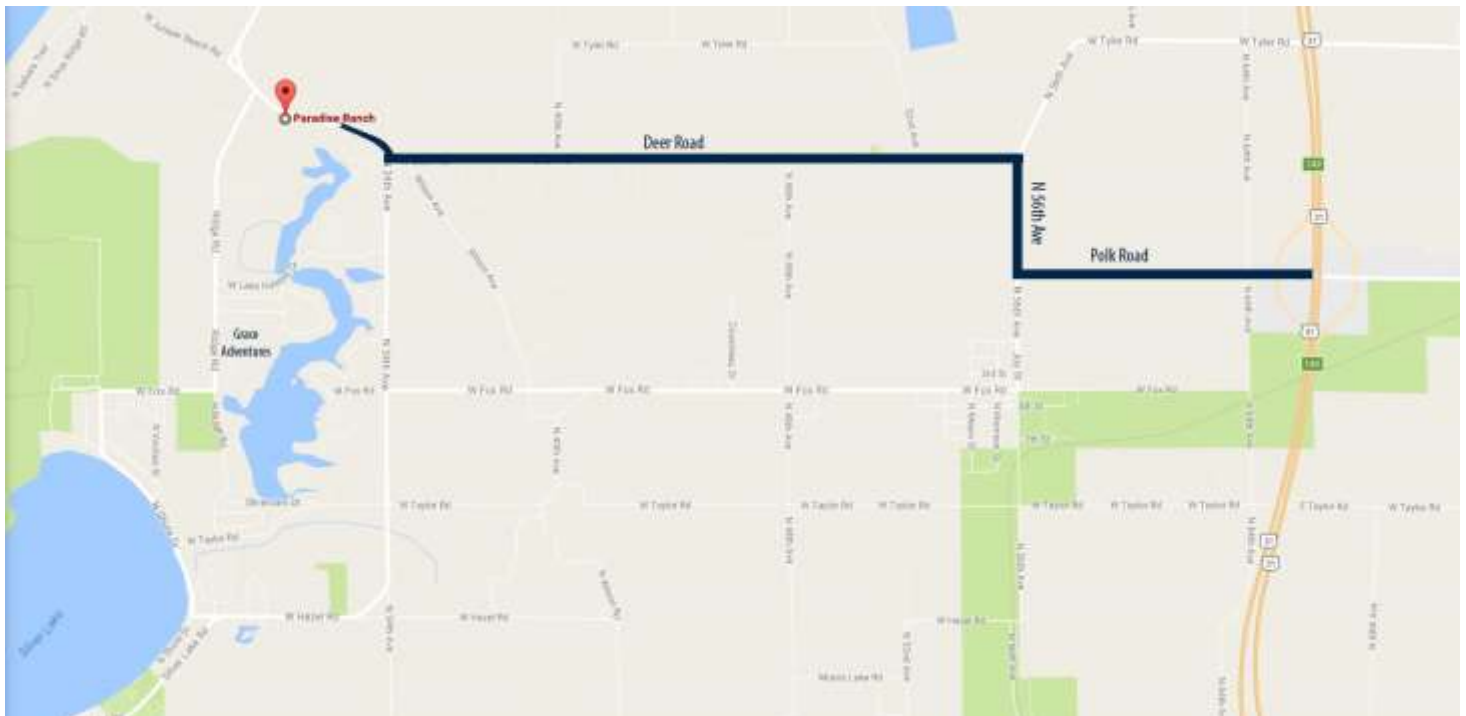
Paradise Ranch is located about 35 miles **North of Muskegon**, 20 miles **South of Ludington**, and 80 miles **Northwest of Grand Rapids**. Grace Adventures is on Upper Silver Lake, almost 7 miles West of US-31. The closest commercial airports are Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

Traveling from **Muskegon**, follow **US-31 Northbound** to **Hart/Mears** (Exit 149). Turn **Left** (West) and stay on this road until it stops (approx 1 ½ mile) and follow the Grace Adventures signs.

Traveling from **Ludington**, follow **US-31 Southbound** to **Hart/Mears** (Exit 149). Turn **Right** (West) and stay on this road until it stops (approx 1 ½ mile) and follow the Grace Adventures signs.

Traveling from **Grand Rapids**, follow **I-96 West** to **Muskegon**, then follow the above directions from Muskegon.

Paradise Ranch Address:
8175 Juniper Beach Rd, Mears, MI 49436



What to Bring

- Horseback Riding Attire
- Jacket or Sweatshirt
- Rain Gear
- Warm bedding and your pillow
- Personal Hygiene Items (Including towel and washcloth)
- Comfortable clothes and shoes for when not riding
- Camera
- Flashlight

If You Are Bringing Your Own Horse

- Riding equipment (saddle, bridle, halter, etc.)
- Feeding and other necessary equipment (ex. Hay, water bucket, etc.)

Please Do Not Bring

- Alcohol, Marijuana, Tobacco, Firearms, or Weapons
- Non-Prescription or Illegal Drugs
- Fireworks or Prank Items
- Pets

Note: Any necessary medication should be kept in a safe and secure place where others **can't** access it

Any personal belongings brought on campus, including electronics, riding equipment, horses, etc., is **the owner's responsibility. We are not responsible for items** that are lost, stolen, or broken.

Grace Adventures desires to provide a safe environment for all employees, campers, and guests and to create an environment where they can focus on and learn more about a deepening relationship with Christ. Grace Adventures and Paradise Ranch have zero tolerance for illegal substances and intoxicants, including marijuana and alcohol, on all our properties, in all our facilities and vehicles, and at all our events. All such substances are strictly prohibited.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What does the Registration Fee Include?

In short, everything! The registration fee is all-inclusive. All housing, meals, workshops, and activities are included.

Is Wi-Fi available during the retreat?

Because of the beautiful and remote area that surrounds us, we do not offer Wi-Fi to our guests during their stay. We encourage you to disconnect from the internet and enjoy time outdoors.

What if any of us have special dietary needs?

We are happy to accommodate some dietary needs and restrictions that our guests may have. We are pleased to offer Gluten Free, Tree Nut/Peanut, Dairy and Vegetarian menu options. If your allergy/dietary needs fall into any of these four categories please inform us at least one week prior to your experience by filling out those needs on your online Health Form. If your allergy/dietary needs exceed those listed above please contact our Executive Chef, Niel Scharphorn, at niel@graceadventures.org or 231-873-3662 to make arrangements to bring your own food with you.

What should we do in case of emergencies?

In the event of an emergency, please call 911 and inform a Grace Adventures staff member. Make sure you have the proper insurance and medical information on hand. At the beginning of the event you'll be given more information on how to reach a staff member at any time. The nearest hospital is Mercy Health Lakeshore in Shelby, MI. (72 S State St, Shelby, MI 49455)