

GARRETT CREEK RANCH



C O N F E R E N C E C E N T E R

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Team Building Concepts

Challenge Course

Our most popular team building activity is our challenge course that features high and low elements. The course was designed specifically for groups to build trust and confidence. We can provide a detailed explanation and specific focus of each element upon request.

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Garrett Creek Ranch has designed a photo scavenger hunt that leads participants to various places around the Ranch. Teams are given a list of people, places and things at the Ranch. They are asked to have one of their team member's picture taken with every "find" on the list. Each team member must be in at least one picture. The first team to complete of their pictures and return to the starting point wins the hunt!

Scavenger Hunt

This is no traditional scavenger hunt. Teams gather at the front desk to receive their first clue. Then the race is on! Each clue leads to the next. Teams race to finish first. This is a great way to explore the Ranch and work together at the same time. You will remember how much fun it is to play an adult version of an old childhood game!

Geoteaming

Geoteaming is fast-paced, high-energy fun, where every minute counts as you race against the clock. The distance ticks off on your GPS unit, bringing you closer to the hidden cache. When you find the cache, your team lets out a shout, and you snap a group photo to document your success. But there's no time to catch your breath, because you're already heading off to the next cache. You've got to make your deadlines, just as in the workplace. Geoteaming teaches both competitive and collaborative participation in the process of discovering the caches.

Armadillo Races

Where else but on a Texas Ranch can you race armadillos? Garrett Creek Ranch has hosted some of the most competitive, fun and boisterous armadillo races this side of the Mississippi. Armadillo races require the participants to crawl behind their armadillo and blow on their tail to make them scoot to the finish line.

Goat Dressing

Hands down, "Goat Dressing" is one of the most unusual and fun team-building events around. Teams of two or three are assigned to their own live goat. When the race is started, they dress the goat in boxer shorts, bandana, and a cowboy hat. The fastest team to finish dressing their goat wins.

Quick Draw Competition

Contestants compete to see who in their group is the fastest draw in the west. Hosted by a cowboy dressed in full western attire, participants strap on an authentic six-shooter loaded safely with blanks. When the digital timing device beeps to signal the start, the gunfighter draws the pistol and pulls the trigger as quickly as possible. Since blanks are used, nothing but smoke leaves the gun barrels, but everyone enjoys the fun!

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Roll "O" Roper

While in Texas, do what the Texan's do. Jump in the saddle of a life-sized mechanical horse and challenge yourself to roping the head of a calf. After some instruction, the participants kick the horse to release the calf themselves and let the rope fly! Your cowboy or cowgirl will have earned their braggin' rights!

Texas Hold'em - Casino

Poker face or not, everyone loves to play a game or two. Texas Hold'em is the hottest game sweeping the nation. Garrett Creek Ranch can set up a tournament or an array of other casino games for your attendees.

Cow Milking

Got Milk? Teams break up into groups to see who can produce the most milk the quickest with this fiberglass cow. The cow is an imitation but the milk is the real deal. This is udderly fun down home competition.

Bull Riding Competition: Who can ride the longest? Variable speeds give everyone an equal footing and an inflatable floor means soft landings every time and no one gets hurt. Several heats give everyone a chance to ride and a chance to win.

Paintball

The woods at the Ranch are an ideal place to set up an ambush. Teams are formed and the battle ground is set with paint pellets as the ammunition. Enjoy an amazing team-building activity that is sure to bring excitement, exhilaration, competitive spirit and sportsmanship to your conference.

Game Show Mania

You can choose Jeopardy, Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune, or Who Wants to be A Millionaire. The questions can be completely customized from company trivia to brain teasers. We bring the props and interaction of an in-studio production directly to you with electronic scoring, sound, and a professional host to keep the action rolling.

Joker's Wild Improv

This "Whose Line is it Anyway?" style comedy show can be interactive using nearly everyone in the audience as a part of the fun or it can be a performance without audience participation. Either way, it's highly enjoyable and fun. The presentation can be centered on a corporate theme and is rated PG-13.

Line Dancing

Even those with two-left feet love the fun and excitement of learning to line dance. Whether you've been boot scootin' for years, or you're new to these honky-tonk dance moves, we've got just the music to have you dancing the night away.

Theme Parties that Deliver Good Times

Campfire

After a day of meetings enjoy the evening glow of a campfire. Garrett Creek Ranch believes in the benefits of enjoying the outdoors in a relaxed fashion. We will spark up the campfire and stock up the area with the beverages of your choice. No campfire experience is complete without smores. They taste great at any age! Hay rides can be arranged to and from your campfire.

Luau Pool Side

Cool off poolside as the rhythms of a Hawaiian Luau transport your attendees to the tropics. As the aroma of a Polynesian feast tantalizes your senses, our grass skirted staff will help you see that Paradise really is closer than you think. Please refer to Paradise Luau Buffet for menu selections.

Special Dining Room Theme Meals

South of the Border Mexican Fiesta Buffet, Bunkhouse Spread, GCR Cajun Buffet, Cattle Baron's Spread

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Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

Mix team building and fun-filled entertainment with exciting results. Experience the thrill of solving a murder mystery. This interactive evening allows the participants to schmooze with the suspects while trying to solve the "who-dun-it" crime. Company themes, slogans, mission statements, meeting objectives, as well as identified attendees' roles within your company, can be woven into the story line. Add to that a hilariously talented troupe that presents this to your guests and you are in for some great fun.

Karaoke

Party like a rock star! Find out the hidden talent amongst your attendees as they take the stage to sing their favorite tunes. Large spectrum of song choices should intrigue attendees that have varying musical interests.

Musical Entertainment

Garrett Creek Ranch has a wide portfolio of musical talent available to guest groups. From a singing cowboy to bands, you have many options.

Hayride

While you're at the Ranch enjoy the acreage in style. Groups often choose to have a hayride at sundown, to take in the wide open and beautiful colors of our Paradise sunset.

Recreational Activities

Take a Walk with Nature

Our 23-acre wildlife preserve, with walking trails, near our guest cabins, is a personal look at the Cross Timbers in their natural state. Guests may see deer, armadillos, wild turkey, pheasant, and many other birds. Field Guides are available.

Running/Walking/Biking

It is exactly one mile from the main buildings of the conference center to the caboose at our front gate. For those who prefer to measure their mileage, mystery solved!

Fishing

Pull out one of our old cane poles or bring your own fishing equipment, and hang out along the banks of one of our fishing holes. Ten pounders have been caught in our fishing holes. Who knows what you may catch!

Golf

On the Ranch we have a 250-yard driving range with distance markers and a shaded bench area. You can use our range to practice or to warm up. About 20 minutes from the Ranch is the Golf Club at Runaway Bay, a PGA championship course with a pro shop and full service clubhouse, adjacent to Bridgeport Lake. The course features substantial elevation changes, an enjoyable layout, and is meticulously maintained. The Ranch has a membership for guests of Garrett Creek Ranch. Discounted pricing is in addition to CMPs.

Boating

Charter a pontoon boat to wind through the scenic and calm northern waterways of Bridgeport Lake. Whether fishing or not, take in some beautiful Texas vistas and skies with your group of ten or fewer, per vessel. With prior experience, you can also captain your own ship. Arrangements can be made for partial or full days, and can include fishing equipment if needed, for anglers.

Pool

Enjoy the tranquility of our pool with the picturesque view and breezes of the Texas countryside. Our pool is equipped with a water volleyball net and whirlpool spa.

Fitness Room

A modest but complete workout room overlooking the pool area. It offers several aerobic activity machines such as a treadmill, Airdyne, and stair-stepper. For weights, the room has universal systems and free-weights. It is individually temperature controlled and has cable television for guests working out.

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Game Room

One of the most popular spaces on the Ranch! Pool table, ping pong table, foosball, shuffleboard and a game table along with couches and a TV for hanging out with your group! Beverages can be served to guests throughout the evenings with us.

Spa Services

Indulge in a pampering experience by having a private massage in the comfort of your guest room. Or, enjoy the fresh air while having a pedicure, manicure, or both on your own private porch.