



Community Partnership Agreement

Our Mission: Break Cycles. Build Leaders. Transform Communities.

Next Steps Programming Vision: Our Next Steps programming makes an unprecedented ten year commitment to youth that have been abused, neglected, or impoverished.



The children in the initial phase of our Next Steps program are called **Ranchers**, they are children from eight to twelve years of age. These children experience a safe, loving environment each summer where they participate in activities to learn positive character traits and lifelong lessons. The activities are horsemanship, agriculture and wellness, art, aquatics, and teambuilding. Each of these activities is intentionally structured to be relational and developmental as we seek to build trust and prepare them for their Next Step.

Phase two of our Next Steps program focuses on our **Leaders-in-Training**, ages thirteen to fifteen. These students continue to experience a safe, loving environment while participating in year-round programming. The Leaders-in-Training are engaged in leadership retreats which include financial literacy training, leadership development and life skill training. Our Leaders-in-Training are also given “work responsibilities” while at the Ranch to reinforce the values of punctuality and hard work.

The final element in our Next Steps program is for our **Young Leaders**, students from sixteen to eighteen years of age. The Young Leaders program includes continued Financial Literacy Training by The National Endowment for Financial Education. Students are also exposed to the Ranch Education Network, and the Ranch Employment Network, that provides students a clean handoff from high school to a sustainable job or from high school to a college or university.

Each next step a student takes is important and vital to their future success. We are grateful to have your partnership and involvement as we all get to be a part of helping students succeed and pursue their dreams. Thank you for investing and impacting Iowa's children and youth!

- Wildwood Hills Ranch Staff



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Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Establishing a Community Partnership

- Complete Annual Community Partnership Agreement
- Sign and send back to Wildwood by January 15th

- Begin to identify returning students to scholarship
- Wildwood will send # of spots and session by February 1st

- Help students/families with online registration
- Receive email updates on completed registrations

- Communicate session program logistics for check-in, transportation, etc.

- Schedule visit to Wildwood during a session to see students

- Provide feedback on program effectiveness, student growth, etc.

Wildwood Hills Ranch Contacts

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Wildwood Hills Ranch & Dallas Center – Grimes CSD

This Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) describes and confirms an agreement between Wildwood Hills Ranch and Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District (the “Organization”) for _____ 2026-December 31, 2026. The purpose of this CPA is to formalize and clarify expectations of this partnership.

Wildwood Hills Ranch strives to partner with community agencies to provide: registration assistance and direction, ongoing relationship with students, personal follow up and mentorship, and holistic wellness services that are aligned with the goals of Wildwood Hills Ranch.

Wildwood Hills Ranch Responsibilities

1. To provide youth scholarships (valued at \$600/participant) to youth 8-18 year olds.
2. To identify and supervise a staff member for the partnership, who will be responsible for coordinating the duties identified below.
3. To notify Community Partner if a new contact becomes responsible for coordinating the duties identified below.
4. To offer Community Partner resources with detailed information on Wildwood’s programming, required paperwork and any pertinent changes from the previous year.
5. To notify Community Partner before February 1 of the number of male and female youth scholarships for the year.
6. To process Leader-in-Training & Young Leader applications, conduct acceptance process and to provide Leader-in-Training and Young Leader scholarships (including summer programming and year-round programming) to accepted 13-18 year old applicants.
7. To clarify expectations for each program and to implement the programs accordingly.
8. To provide required paperwork/online registration to Community Partner for proper registration of youth into Wildwood programming.
9. To communicate check-in and check-out information (times) to Community Partner liaison.
10. To conduct head check, bag check, and thorough check-in process when student arrives to property.
11. To give verbal or written reports, upon request or based on situation, on problems or issues of concern to the identified Community Partner liaison.
12. To provide a summary report of scholarship spots given vs. filled and individuals who attended.
13. To gather feedback through an end of summer survey or direct conversations.

DCG CSD Responsibilities

- 1. To identify a staff person** to serve as the liaison or contact to the partnership who will be responsible for coordinating duties identified below.
- 2. To notify Wildwood** of any change resulting in a new contact that will be responsible for coordinating duties identified below.
- 3. To identify youth with the greatest need** to participate in Wildwood's programming, taking into account the following indicators:
 - Children in impoverishment
 - Children who have suffered or are suffering from abuse/neglect
 - Children from families in crisis
 - Children from families in a continuing cycle of dysfunction
 - Children in foster care
 - Children with parents/guardians in prison
 - Children with parents/guardians with drug and/or alcohol abuse issues
 - Children in need that show interest or have a desire to reach for a better life, but are currently stuck in tough circumstances
 - Children struggling in school
- 4. To distribute scholarships** (valued at \$600/participant) using the following principles:
 - Youth must be between the ages of 8-12 as of June 1st, 2026 for the Rancher program and 13-18 years old for youth programs.
 - Previous participants should have first consideration for continued involvement.
 - First time youth ideally enter at age 8 or 9, but exceptions can be made for 10, 11, or 12 year olds.
- 5. To assist with and/or verify completed online registration** from parent/guardian and register all students online a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the date that the youth will be attending Wildwood.
- 6. To communicate drop-off and pick-up information** (times and locations) to participants' parents/guardians. However, Organization shall not provide transportation to and from the Wildwood Hills Ranch. Transportation shall be the sole responsibility of the participant families. No transportation is provided by Wildwood Hills Ranch unless otherwise agreed upon within partnership agreement.
- 7. To verify contact information** for community partner liaison to be contacted during the session students are at Wildwood in the instance of a no-show, student support, or emergency situation.
- 8. To complete surveys** at the end of the summer so Wildwood can gain valuable feedback and improve overall partnership experience.



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Wildwood Hills Ranch & Organization

Please provide the name and contact information of the primary contact at your organization that will complete all community partner responsibilities listed above. We ask that this person be able to commit to the duration of this agreement. Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to partnering with you this year!

Organization Name: Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District

Primary Organization Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Signature: _____

Email address: _____

Date Signed: _____

Organization address: _____

Effective Date: _____

Wildwood Full Time Staff Signature: _____

Wildwood Full Time Staff Name: _____

Amendments and Alterations to this Agreement

Wildwood Hills Ranch and Organization may amend this Agreement by mutual consent, in writing, at any time.

The Agreement will be reviewed annually for renewal but there shall be no automatic renewal.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice.

Neither party may assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other party. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

It is expressly understood and agreed by the parties that nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create a partnership, association, or other affiliation or like relationship between the parties, it being specifically agreed that their relation is and shall remain that of independent parties to a contractual relationship. In no event shall a party be liable for the debts or obligations of another party.

The parties agree that if a dispute between the parties arises out of this Agreement, they would want the court to

interpret this Agreement as follows: (i) with respect to any provision that it holds to be unenforceable, by modifying that provision to the minimum extent necessary to make it enforceable or, if that modification is not permitted by law, by disregarding that provision; (ii) if an unenforceable provision is modified or disregarded in accordance with this section, by holding that the rest of this Agreement will remain in effect; (iii) by holding that any unenforceable provision will remain as written in any circumstances other than those in which the provision is held to be unenforceable; and (iv) if modifying or disregarding the unenforceable provision would result in failure of an essential purpose of this Agreement, by holding the entire agreement unenforceable.

For all matters relating to this Agreement, the parties consent to the jurisdiction of the Iowa District Court in and for Dallas County, Iowa and agree that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Iowa.

This Agreement constitutes the complete and entire agreement between the parties. None of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall be in any manner altered or modified except by a written instrument duly signed by both parties.

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