

Boys Ranch Life After High School Plan



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June-August **Begin the plan**

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- ✓ Participate in a “real world” event
- ✓ Learn about owning an automobile and public transportation

Check off when complete

- Has a certified copy of their birth certificate and social security card.
- Has a “Records Book” that contains important papers.
- Has completed an independent living plan
- Has learned about auto buying and repair

Independent Living Plan

Rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 in the following areas.

1 = very little knowledge 10=expert

Life Skill	Rating
Money Management	
Food Preparation	
Personal Appearance	
Health	
Housekeeping	
Educational Planning	
Job Seeking Skills	
Job Maintenance Skills	
Emergency and Safety	
Community Resources	
Communication skills with others	
Legal Knowledge	
Housing	

Which area do I need the most help with?

Career Planning

What do I want to do after I graduate?

- Get a Job
- Attend a Community College
- Go to a vocational or trade school
- Attend a 4 year University
- Join the Military
- Not Sure

What Programs or careers am I already interested in?

Career Choice #1

Career Choice #2

What kind of education/training will I need for the job or career I want?

- One year community college certificate
- 2 year community college degree
- 4 year (or longer) University Degree
- On the Job Training
- Military/ Boot camp

Do I feel called to do something specific in life?

Yes **No**

If yes what is it?

There are thousands of possible careers. Why do I want to follow this particular career?

What is the most important thing I am looking for in a job?

What are/were my favorite two subjects in school?

When I have free time what do I like to do? (Check as many as you want)

- Playing sports
- Reading
- Computer/video games
- Collecting things
- Building/making things
- Socializing

What type of personality do I have? (Check one)

- Talkative
- Thinker/Likes to do more listening than talking
- Helper – “I must help others”
- Leader – “I must be strong”

Do I want a job that is indoors or outdoors? (Check one)

- Indoors
- Outdoors

Do I want to work with my hands (physical) or head (mental)?

- Physical
- Mental

Is making money the most important thing to me? (Check one)

- Yes
- No

Independent Living Planning

Do I have a driver's license? Yes No

If no, when do I plan on getting my driver's license?

What is my plan about getting a vehicle before or after graduation?

How much money do I have to spend on a car?

Housing

Where will I live after I graduate?

With parent

With relative

Military

College dorm

Own apartment

Other

Medical Insurance

What type of medical coverage will I have after graduation?

I understand how to obtain medical insurance?

Yes No

I know how to get emergency medical health care?

Yes No

I can usually determine when professional medical help is needed?

Yes No

Finances

I have a checking/savings account?

Yes No

I understand the need to establish an emergency fund as soon as possible.

I also understand this fund should be approximately \$500.00 to \$1000.00

Yes No

I will have the following amount in my savings when I graduate

I will receive financial support from parents when I graduate?

Yes No

Spiritual

I will continue to attend church after I graduate

Yes No

I would like help in understanding how to select a church after graduation

Yes No

My spiritual development has been important to me

Yes No

What I will tell others when asked about my after graduation plans

After graduation Plan A

My after graduation plan is:

After graduation Plan B

My after graduation plan is:

August Transportation

Understand the following eight areas.

Transportation

- Knows how to use the bus system and read bus schedules.
- Has a driver's license.
- Knows how to change a flat tire
- Knows how to price car insurance.
- Is able to provide own transportation to school, work, etc.
- Knows basic car repair and record repair (see car repair log).
- Knows what to do if they are in a car accident.
- Knows how to purchase a car (see used car buying worksheet)

September-October **Educational Plan/Health**

- ✓ Calculate cost of attending school.
- ✓ Learn to complete the FAFSA
- ✓ Learn how to apply for scholarships

Check off when complete

Educational Planning

- Enrolled in a post high school program in which you can succeed.
- Understands how to apply for various scholarships
- Knows how to complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov

Health

- Understands how to obtain medical insurance or is eligible for a Medicaid Card.
- Has had help getting copies of their medical records.
- Understands birth control.
- Knows how to access a doctor or dentist he/she can use when out on their own.
- Has knowledge of chemical dependency.

College/Trade School Choice and Cost

Top Five Colleges or Trade School I want to attend	Cost to attend this college or Trade school	How much money I expect to have to attend this college	Difference

Which school is the most affordable? _____

Which school is the least affordable? _____

November/December **Financial Management**

- ✓ How to use banking services,
- ✓ Understands how to read a paycheck stub.
- ✓ Knows how to complete and file yearly tax returns.
- ✓ Budgeting
- ✓ Learning to get the best buy

CHECK OFF WHEN COMPLETE

- Can use banking services, i.e. opening an account, check cashing, and deposit money
- Understands how to read a paycheck stub
- Knows how to complete and file yearly tax returns
- Has a realistic budget of typical expenses that could be expected when living alone
- Has a regular savings program
- Knows how to use a debit card

Summer Budget

AFTER GRADUATION BUDGET

(Summer budget June- August)

Projected	
Housing	
Mortgage or rent	
Cell phone	
Electricity/Gas	
Water and sewer	
Cable	
Subtotals	

Transportation	
Vehicle payment	
Bus/taxi fare	
Insurance	
Gas	
Maintenance	
Subtotals	

Medical Insurance	
Subtotals	

Food	
Groceries	
Snacks	
Subtotals	

Pets	
Food	
Medical	
Grooming	
Other	
Subtotals	

Gifts and Donations	
Charity/Church	
Subtotals	

Projected	
Entertainment	
Rent Video/DVD/CDs	
Movies/Concerts	
Eating out	
Other	
Subtotals	

Personal Care	
Over the counter Medical	
Hair/nails	
Clothing	
Other	
Subtotals	

Savings or Investments	
Retirement account	
Savings Investment account	
Subtotals	

College/Vocational Cost	
Tuition	
Books	
Other	
Subtotals	

Sources of Income	
Financial Aid	
Wages from Job	
Other income	

Projected Income Total	
Projected Expenses Total	
Projected balance (Projected income minus expenses)	

Fall Budget

AFTER GRADUATION BUDGET

(Fall budget (Sept-Dec))

Projected	
Housing	
Mortgage or rent	
Cell phone	
Electricity/Gas	
Water and sewer	
Cable	
Subtotals	

Transportation	
Vehicle payment	
Bus/taxi fare	
Insurance	
Gas	
Maintenance	
Subtotals	

Medical Insurance	
Subtotals	

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January/February **Job Skills**

- ✓ Completing a resume
- ✓ Interviewing skills
- ✓ Job searching skills

Job Seeking - April

- Can present a fully completed job application & resume.
- Has completed mock job interviews with staff.
- Is able to get up and go to school or work in the morning and be on time without assistance.
- Knows to contact employer if late for work and knows what behaviors will get them fired.

Additional: College bound students
fill out FAFSA application

March

Housing/Legal

- ✓ Understanding legal consequences for various offenses
- ✓ How to rent an apartment
- ✓ Understanding tenant rights

CHECK OFF WHEN COMPLETE

Housing

- Understands a rental or lease agreement and tenant and landlord rights.
- Knows how to find a safe, inexpensive place to live
- Has a safe place to live after graduation.
- Knows whom to contact if utilities disconnected or heat goes out.

Legal

- Help them understand legal penalties for various crimes, i.e. shop lifting, speeding ticket, inappropriate relationship with minor.
- Teach the youth how to find and retain a lawyer, and when to get one.
- Understands what to do in case of a car accident.

April/May **Complete the plan**

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- Complete Life Notebook
- Complete after Graduation Schedule

After graduation schedule



Important Dates

Task	Start Date

Important Phone Numbers



First Name	Last Name	E-mail address	Home phone	Comments