

ADOPT A CABIN

The Adopt a Cabin program involves deep cleaning the cabin, completing the furnishings, lighting needs, and updating the kitchens of the cabins. In addition, many repairs, maintenance and painting jobs have in the past also been taken on by the adopt a cabin owners. All cabins now have curtains and some décor, although they may need to be replaced or improved upon.

Buying furniture, lamps and kitchen supplies is expensive. Owners are encouraged to group together and share expenses. It may be difficult to reserve a specific cabin during the busy season, all work may need to be completed during the off season or if the cabin is not going to be occupied.

There are many other ways to help the Ranch cabins without incurring the huge financial and time commitment of adopting a cabin. Painting, porch rebuilding and repairing and window cleaning are just some of the ways. You might wish to donate a new kitchen counter or a single piece of furniture. Maybe you enjoy bargain hunting at garage sales and would like to donate small kitchen items. All these things are needed and make the Ranch a better place for everyone.

TO ADOPT A CABIN PLEASE CONTACT:

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We need donations of the following items:

Appliances-clean and in good repair:

Microwave ovens

Electric coffee makers

Toaster ovens and toasters

Vacuum cleaner

Furniture-sturdy in good condition

Small dressers

Love seats

Couches

Chairs

Coffee table and end tables

Housewares:

Pots and pan-steel will last longer

Microwave safe mixing and serving dishes

Bar-B-Que tools

Can openers & cork screws

Dishes, mugs, silverware, drinking glasses

ADOPT A CABIN REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION

FURNITURE:

Living/Dining Room:

The dining table should be sturdy. You do not need to keep the eight foot long table unless your cabin sleeps ten or more people. Plastic outdoor tables don't work very well, but can be used for a secondary eating area in those cabins with large kitchens or utility rooms.

A sitting area should be set up in the remaining living room space. A bed can be placed in the living room and covered in a washable fabric or vinyl. Bolsters and pillows allow comfortable sitting during the day and allows the bed to be used at night. Sofas and love seats should be upholstered in leather or vinyl or be of exposed wood construction with separate cushions that can be removed and cleaned. Wood framed chairs with separated pillows can round out the seating.

A place to set down a TV should be provided, TV stands, sturdy bookcases or end tables work well. If there is room, end tables and a coffee table should be provided. Table lamps, pole lamps or ceiling fans with light kits work well, help is available to wire in these fixtures.

BEDROOMS:

You may add beds but you can not remove them from the cabin. (Ranch rule, not subject to Changing) When possible, try to fix up one adult bedroom with a double or queen bed. If you add a bed from outside the ranch, it should be covered in vinyl to keep it sanitary and be of new or near new motel quality.

A night table and/or small dresser should be provided for each bedroom. Some bedrooms do not have closets, in this case you will need a dresser and some place to hang clothes. Many cabins have a long bar of wood mounted on the wall with clothes hooks screwed into it, this works well. Each bedroom should have a reading light accessible from the beds. Consider table lamps or wall mounted lamps.

All items brought to the Ranch should be sturdy and capable of taking on the considerable stress of numerous people using it. Furniture, furnishings, lamps and kitchen items need not be new, but they must be in excellent condition. All furnishings should be water washable. Vinyl upholstery, washable slip covers, pillow covers, wood and Formica works best. Try to avoid overstuffed cloth furniture as it deteriorates very quickly and is hard to keep clean. The ideal window covering offers privacy and light control and opens and closes easily. If tie backs are used, they should be fastened to the wall or curtain or they will get lost quickly. All hardware should be security fastened, screws are easier to remove should the need arise later. Do not hang curtains or drapes where they can come into contact with wall heaters. Consider year round use when planning window treatments. Sheers that work so well in the summer will feel very cold on a stormy winter night, if that is all that is covering the window.

Please leave top of tables, bookcases and dressers clear so visitors have a place for their belonging. All wall art must be properly framed and hung so that it will not fall down when accidentally brushed against. Do not use unframed posters, pictures or prints. Under no circumstance may anything be staple gunned, tacked or glued to the wall. Make the smallest hole necessary when hanging wall art and

try to place nail or screw in the groove between the wall boards. Try to keep the subject matter of wall art as neutral as possible and do not mix styles within a room. Owners come in all faiths and nationalities, so avoid anything that might offend someone.

When placing kitchen items, leave a cabinet or at least several shelves empty for visitors to use for their own stuff. Try to place items in their logical places. Consider usage when outfitting the kitchen, if there is no oven you do not need baking pans.

All painting, varnishing and modifications must have the prior approval of the Ranch Manager or his designated representative. The only approved interior paint color is semi-gloss off-white. This paint is available from the Ranch. Under no circumstance is the paneling to be painted. Do not wallpaper or hang, staple or glue border.

Try to work as much as possible with what was done before you. If there is something in the cabin, or if someone donates an item to the cabin, that does not work with your current plan, take it to the donation room for placement elsewhere.

Dedications: You may write your name and date on the bottom of the donated items where it can not be seen. Visible dedications on pictures or walls must be brass and appropriate to the item.

THE FINAL DECISION ON WHAT IS OR IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN A CABIN WILL BE MADE BY THE ADOPTED A CABIN COMMITTEE. THE RANCH MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON HEALTH AND SAFETY OF MODIFICATIONS AND CHANGES.

These standards are not retroactive. Cabins that were painted, wallpapered or bordered will remain as they are. Upholstered pieces will be accepted outside of the requirements with the understanding that they serve their current purposes.

RECORD KEEPING:

If you have added or deleted furniture, completed a kitchen project, painted anything, repaired or reworked anything structural or added or changed a major appliance please write, E-mail or phone Judy Stacey so that proper records can be kept.

If significant inventory additions have been made, request a new inventory sheets from the adopted cabin contacts or the Ranch office. One copy will be kept inside a kitchen cabinet in the cabin and one will be kept in the adopted a cabin binder.

If you have washed and pressed curtains, or if you deep cleaned anything in the cabin please let housekeeping know.

Owners should try and visit the cabin they adopted at least once a year if you are unable to visit the cabin please let us know. If you are no longer able to take care of the cabin you adopted please let us know so we can put it back up for adoption. If you are unable to get a reservation in your adopted cabin, it may still be possible to get into the cabin during your stay if it becomes vacated.

Kitchens:

The complete kitchen will have:

Pots and Pans

Dutch oven (optional)

Sauce pans

Frying pans

Additional pans

Nice to add: tea kettle and/or crock pot

Dishes:

Dinner plates

Soup/cereal bowls

Serving or baking/serving combo dish-microwave safe

Ceramic mixing bowls

Salad plates

Serving bowls

Serving platters

Glassware:

Tumblers

Coffee mugs

Juice glasses

Hi-ball

Wine glasses

Silverware:

Dinner knives

Forks (dinner and/or salad)

Spoons (teaspoon and/or tablespoon)

Serving spoons

Steak knives

Utensils:

Bottle opener

Can opener

Colander/strainer

Grater

Carving and/or paring knives

Soup ladle

Measuring cups and/or measuring spoons

Whisk and/or egg beater

Spatulas

Cooking/Serving spoon

Slotted Spoon

Veggie peeler

Coffee maker

Toaster

Bar-B-Que tools

Additionally, if the budget allows:

Vacuum cleaner or sweeper

Microwave oven and stand if needed