

Aerial Ranch Retreat
April 12-17, 2018
Graham, TX

INFORMATION

Thanks for your interest in the April 2018 Aerial Ranch Retreat! I was inspired to host this retreat for the first time back in 2014, because I wanted the opportunity to share with other aerialists the natural beauty of the Aerial Ranch and the creative freedom that it inspires in me. This will be the 5th Aerial Ranch Retreat! The Ranch Home and adjacent Barn are part of the Wildcatter Ranch resort, but this April 12-17, they are ours!

The Barn is cavernous, with +25' beams in the center of the barn, capable of rigging up to 9 apparatuses, and a lower ~18' side of the barn, able to rig up to another 9 pieces of equipment. The barn doors open up on 3 sides, so there is lots of natural light and breeze coming through the space. Additionally, there is a guest apartment in the Barn, where some of us will stay. The Ranch Home is very spacious, with 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, a movie room, large kitchen, outdoor grill, and pool and hot tub. The back side of the house faces west and looks out above a bend in the Brazos River - the view is really spectacular and the sunsets are sure to dazzle before the stars come out! Check out photos of the "Herron Bend" Ranch Home on the Wildcatter Ranch website [HERE](#).

The Aerial Ranch Retreat is geared towards intermediate/advanced level aerialists who want to explore creativity within their choreography and take the tricks that they know to a new level of expression. The curriculum will center around afternoon choreography workshops, meant to help you think and move in new and unexplored ways. You will have plenty of group open training time with your peers and with me each morning (and after afternoon session too, if you'd like!), where you can take your new toolbox of ideas and run with it! We will have periodic times of sharing sequences we are working on with the group, in order to gain artistic feedback and show how awesomely creative we all are! We can learn so much from each other. Additionally, we will have a short technique workshop each afternoon after the choreography workshop. Technique workshops are based on participant requests from our group: previous offerings have included Windmills/Wheel-Downs, Variations and technique in Beats, Belay Loop variations...

If you are interested in taking a private or duo technique lesson with me during the retreat, we can arrange a time for your lesson and the fee will be a separate charge. Privates are \$75/hr and shared privates are \$80/hr.

In order to keep the cost of this retreat as low as possible, standard accommodations will be a bed or large-sized air mattress in the Ranch House or Barn Apartment. Depending on the

number of registrants, it is possible that you may need to either share a large sized bed with someone on the retreat who you are friends with, or sleep on an air mattress (we have a few). If you want more privacy and/or if Ranch House accommodations get full, you can also upgrade to a room at the Wildcatter Ranch Hotel for \$129-\$189/night + tax, which you can have solo or share with someone. There are also lots of activities available through Wildcatter Ranch, such as horseback riding and skeet shooting, that you may book separately. For more information, please check out WildcatterRanch.com.

In order to provide the healthiest and most affordable food options (in a land where bread is a vegetable and fried is a food group!), we will be preparing lunch and dinner at the Ranch House in a communal way. I will prepare menus for each meal and shop for everything before your arrival. Then, during orientation, we will each sign up for a few work shifts of cooking/cleaning/dishes spread out throughout the retreat. This setup has worked out GREAT at the previous retreats, and everyone was very pleased with the quality of food we shared, and the time we had preparing meals enabled us to get to know each other better. Vegetarians, non-vegetarians, and gluten-free folk are welcome!

If you will be flying into the retreat, you are responsible for your own airfare and transportation to and from the Ranch. You will not need a car during your stay at the retreat, although I will have one and the folks coming from other parts of TX will too. Graham, TX is about 2 hours from DFW airport. If you would like to rent a car at the airport to come out to Graham, and I will be happy to put participants in touch with each other to coordinate flight times and shared rental cars. There is also an option for a shuttle to/from DFW Airport to the Ranch, which costs \$115 each way for the first person, and \$25 for each additional person up to 5 total. Again, I will be happy to help folks coordinate the shuttle for a group. I would recommend, in general, that participants book flights that ARRIVE between 1-5pm on Thursday, April 12th and DEPART between 1-5pm on Tuesday, April 17th, in order to best coordinate ride-shares. Please let me double-check your flight itinerary before you book it.

PRICING

\$650 Early Registration (Registration & deposit received before March 10th)

\$700 After March 10th.

Included: All Aerial Activities, Food, Lodging, one Dinner at Wildcatter Ranch Steakhouse.

Not Included: Airfare, Transportation to/from Airport/Ranch.

A non-refundable deposit of \$300 is required to hold your space, and can be paid by check to Banyan Aerial, LLC. Mail to:

Jordann Baker Skipper
3718 Revere Ave

LA, CA 90039

or PayPal to banyan.aerial@gmail.com or Venmo to Jordann-Skipper. The balance is due before the beginning of the retreat.

Please let me know if you have any questions! I can be reached by email or by phone at 347-860-2323. If you are registering for the retreat, please fill out and return the Participant Information form.

Thank you!

Jordann

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Thursday, April 12th:

Please arrive at the Ranch House (Adjacent to Wildcatter Ranch) between 5:30-7:30pm.
7:30pm Group Dinner at Ranch House
8:30pm Orientation/Rigging in Barn

Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon April 13-16th:

Breakfast on your own - basic grocery items are stocked and available.
10:00am-12:00 Open Training
1:00-2:00pm Lunch
2:00-4:00pm Free time
4:00-6:30pm Afternoon Session. Warm-up, Choreography Workshop, Open Training.
7:30pm Sunset
7:30-8:30pm Dinner (One night will be dinner out at the Steakhouse at Wildcatter Ranch!)
**Friday morning we will load in mats before Open Training and Monday evening we will de-rig in the early evening before dinner.

Tuesday, April 17th:

Breakfast on your own, participants depart.

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What to Bring?

- Aerial Training Clothes
- One casual-cute outfit for Steakhouse group dinner.
- Swimsuit
- Sunblock/Hat
- Notebook
- Inspirational Music
- Aerial Apparatus* (Please talk to me ahead of time - I will have some of you bring equipment and accompanying hardware to share but we will not be needing everyone's individual apparatus)