

OCTOBER HILL FARM RIDING SCHOOL

2019 SUMMER DAY CAMPS

ABOUT OUR CAMP

We are excited to spend time with your child this summer! Our camp will provide fun and instruction in a safe and secure environment where kids ages 7-13 will spend time with and learn about horses. Our owners have been involved with horses for over 40 years, and have been operating the nationally known October Hill Farm facility in Hudson Oaks since 1999. The daily camp schedule will include two riding sessions, a fun lecture on horse care and keeping and stable management, some arts and crafts, and other engaging activities.

We will have four week-long sessions of camp.

Week I June 10-14

Week II June 17-21

Week III July 8-12

Week IV July 15-19

Camp will begin each morning at 8:30am and conclude at 4:30pm. Parents are encouraged to attend the final afternoon of each session to watch the last lesson and applaud our campers as they receive their completion certificates.

The rates for this camp will be \$450 per week; if campers sign up for a multiple weeks, a discount of 5% will be applied for each week. A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is due at sign up, with the balance payable on the first day of each camp session.

Because of limited space, there is little chance we will be able to accommodate session changes after registration.

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

It is very important for campers to be on time each day for camp. Mornings will be busy with organizing for the day, grooming up the ponies, and getting the kids mounted for their morning lesson. Late arrivals will only take away from everyone's experience. On the first morning of each session, campers will go through a brief but important orientation and safety discussion.

Following the morning riding session, campers will put their ponies away and enjoy lunch and a fun activity or game. For example, we will learn the parts of the horse, parts of the tack we use, grooming

skills, horse feeding and care, and much more. We may even decorate our ponies with ribbons and sparkles!

The campers will ride again after lunch and cool off afterwards while giving their ponies a bath. We will learn how to take care of our tack and our equipment and how to put our ponies to bed at the end of the day. Barn chores and care of the horses are just as important as riding.

If your child is returned to you in need of a bath herself, then you know your child has had a great day!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Pickup from camp should be prompt at 4:30pm. If a child is to be picked up by someone other than a parent or guardian, we will require a written authorization.

Campers will bring their lunches, an afternoon snack, and a large water bottle. We will have water available at all times that campers can use to refill their bottles. Lunches will be refrigerated until used. Campers should bring a small bag or backpack, with their name on it, with a change of clothing. Parents should apply sunscreen to their children prior to camp; we will have some sunscreen they can reapply on their own throughout the day.

Campers must have and bring to camp each day the following items in order to participate in riding:

1. An ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet. Can be purchased locally at one of the area tack stores. Bike helmets or any other type of sport helmet is not acceptable.
2. English riding pants or close fitting stretch pants.
3. Low-heeled boots or English paddock boots. Tennis shoes and any other rubber soled footwear is not permitted for riding.

Hydration is an important concern. Please urge your children to drink water during the day; we will reinforce this throughout camp.

A REMINDER

Just because camp is over doesn't mean your child can't keep up her love of riding! The October Hill Farm Riding School provides excellent instruction all through the year. Just let us know if you wish to book lessons.