

Riding Program

General Information Sheet

Program Information

Riding is an optional activity at camp for children completing Grade 1 and higher. Campers will be taught English riding progressively from the level at which they begin and according to their ability.

Each riding week consists of two hours of daily instruction. One hour will be riding instruction and one hour will be stable management including horse care and grooming. Also, all riding campers participate in a horse handling safety session at the start of their Riding Camp program. Your child will develop a love for riding and confidence with horses through knowing and caring for his or her horse. Please note that there are no refunds or make-ups for riding lessons missed as a result of absenteeism.

Helmets

Although the camp will provide helmets, the instructors highly recommend that children bring their own for better fit and comfort. If your child is bringing his/her own riding helmet to camp it must have a label inside attesting that it is a Certified Riding Helmet or an ASTM approved helmet.

For sanitary reasons, campers are requested to wear a disposable hair cover cap over their heads when they use a camp supplied safety helmet. These are similar to what a doctor would wear in a surgical room environment. The camp supplies the disposable hair cover caps.

Clothing

Campers must be properly dressed as follows:

Long pants must be worn. Anything that feels comfortable and can move freely on the legs is suitable (e.g. stirrup pants, leggings or tapered jeans are fine). This will prevent 'pinching' when your child is riding.

Hard-soled boots that go above the ankle with at least a quarter inch heel are mandatory. Proper footwear prevents a rider from sliding his/her boot through the stirrup. Campers who do not have proper footwear cannot ride.

How Weather Can Affect Riding

Please note that your child is enrolled in a riding camp program that can be affected by weather conditions. There are no make-up classes or refunds of riding camp fees for instructional riding time missed due to extreme weather conditions.

Oppressive summer heat days, lightening & thunderstorms are weather conditions that can affect the temperament of the horses and consequently may create a safety risk to our riding campers. In such weather conditions the riding program will be scaled back and/or the 'on horseback' riding instruction component will be cancelled. When this happens, campers will have the opportunity to participate in swimming, crafts, games or other more appropriate equestrian activities.