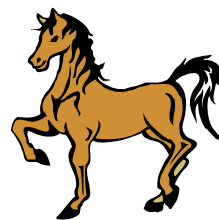


Equestrian Camp 2010

A General Overview



What is Equestrian Camp?



Equestrian Camp (for guys and gals ages 11-15) is a terrific combination of horse related and non-horse related activities. During their stay, Equestrian campers get a sense of what it's like to own their own horse. They learn about horse care, feeding, grooming, saddling, and a whole lot more! Equestrian campers also receive a high-quality riding lesson each day by trained riding instructors.

Equestrian camper's schedule of activities will include riding twice a day depending on the camper's chosen activities. Each camper will choose 3 activities which include but are not limited to: mounted games, vaulting, bathing, clipping, trail obstacles, riding bareback, and drill team just to name a few. Equestrian campers will have opportunities to do other things like swimming, obstacle courses, climbing Crazy Horse Cliff and crafts. Equestrian campers will also be in for a real treat as we pack up our breakfast and hit the trail for an early morning ride.

How are Riding Classes Divided?



At Check-In on Sunday, each rider's ability will be assessed through a quick chat with the Equestrian Director. Riders will then be placed in a class and assigned a horse in accordance with their level of riding and whether they want to ride English or Western.

Two-week campers may choose to ride one style the first week and the other style the next. Class size varies between three and six, with a four-to-one rider to instructor ratio.

Do Equestrian Campers need to pack anything extra?

YES!! Equestrian campers must bring riding boots. Riding boots are those that are smooth-soled (i.e. very little or no tread) with a small heel (1-2"). Tennis shoes and hiking boots are only acceptable for those riding Western (with stirrup coverings). These types of footwear may get stuck in the stirrups and are therefore unsafe. Campers must also be sure to pack a good supply of long pants. If campers have their own ASTM-SEI approved riding helmet and riding gloves, they may bring them. If not, helmets are provided by camp. **Besides riding clothes, parents and campers should refer to the Parent Survival Guide for a complete list of what else to bring for their stay.**

What about Main Camp activities?



Although the schedule for Equestrian Camp is quite different than that of Main Camp, there is plenty of time for interaction between the two: morning chapel, meals, opening/closing campfire, lake and pool times (*bring your swimsuit!*), and all-camp games on Wednesday afternoons. Each cabin will also participate in activities with the rest of its age group. These activities may include discussions, games, barbecues, and swim times. Equestrian cabins may also choose to challenge a main camp cabin to an evening game of volleyball, flag football, or join with another cabin for a cookout and overnight.

PLUS...

TROPHIES, TIES, AND PLAQUES!! These will be given out to those individuals who achieve certain Equestrian Camp goals. There is a bolo tie given for each level of horsemanship (knowledge/riding ability) mastered. In recognition of the number of years a rider has been an Equestrian camper, there are trophies for their 3rd, 4th, and 5th years.

See you *all* this summer!

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