

Horse Camp Session Descriptions

Cloverbud

A cloverbud section is available for youth 5-7 years. This is a two-day experience on June 19-20, 2024. Campers bring their own water bottle and food and must wear boots. They do not bring their own horse. The camp sessions will include grooming, bathing, showmanship, horse equipment, crafts and more!

Walk /Trot

The walk/trot section of camp is for beginner riders of any age. In this section, riders work with the same instructor during all of the riding sessions. Camp organizers have found it to be more effective for the beginner riders to have consistency in their instructor. Riders in this section receive instruction on horsemanship/equitation, showmanship, trail, and patterns.

Green Rider

The green rider section of camp is for riders who are confident at the walk/trot and are ready to start working on their canter/lope. Previous experience with cantering/loping is preferred. In this section, riders work with the same instructor during all of the riding sessions. Riders in this section receive instruction on horsemanship/equitation, showmanship, trail, and patterns. They will also have a session focusing on ranch pleasure.

Walk/Trot/Canter

Participants in the walk/trot/canter section may choose to either ride in the gymkhana track or pleasure class track:

- **Gymkhana Track:** In the gymkhana track, all of the riding sessions will be focused on gymkhana and riders will have the same instructor.
- **Pleasure Track:** Riders in the pleasure track will be able to choose riding sessions (trail, horsemanship, equitation, drill team, etc.) and will have a variety of instructors.

Gymkhana Track (walk/trot/canter riders only)

In the gymkhana track participants will have six specialized sessions focusing on gymkhana.

Pleasure Classes Track Options (walk/trot/canter riders only)

Riders in this section will choose from the sessions below.

Trail: We will have a trail pattern set-up and an instructor will go through each of the trail elements with the participants. It's a great way to get practice on some of the elements that may give you or your horse some difficulty. (English or Western)

Discipline Rail: In this session, you will learn about the elements of a discipline rail class such as extension of gait, sidepass, pivot/forehand turn, and simple change of leads. (English or Western)

Becoming a Better Rider - Improve Your Riding and Your Horse: In this clinic participants will have short one-on-one work sessions with the instructor to focus on specific issues you are having with your horse or your riding. Participants will leave the session with exercises to practice at home (and during the clinic). While other participants are having their one-on-one session the participants will work with another instructor. (English or Western)

Horsemanship/Equitation Rail: In this session participants will learn how to improve their horsemanship or equitation skills. The session will focus on rider position, appointments of the horse, and exercises to practice at home. (English or Western)

Ranch Pleasure: In this session you will learn all about ranch pleasure including the gaits, what a judge is looking for in this class, and how to prepare your horse for a ranch class. (Western)

Ranch Riding: In this session you will learn about ranching riding patterns. Participants will learn about pattern elements and how to prepare for a ranch riding class.

English Equitation Patterns: In this session riders will learn how to improve their equitation patterns. Get ready for fair by attending this session and fine-tuning your equitation skills. (English)

Western Horsemanship Patterns: In this session riders will learn how to improve their horsemanship patterns. Get ready for fair by attending this session and fine-tuning your equitation skills. (Western)

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