



2024 Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp Rules and Safety Guidelines

1. All riding classes are walk/trot/canter. Oakland County 4-H Horse camp is not for beginners.
2. A negative Coggins test is required for all horses brought to camp.
3. For those camping, a fee of **\$25 per night must be paid at camp check-in (cash or check payable to Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp)**. Campers will receive a pass to place in the window of their camper/tent.
4. Dogs are NOT allowed in horse barn and must be on leash and kept at a safe distance from horses at all times! This is a county park rule.
5. Please do not lead horses down center concrete aisle of barn. Enter and exit barn at end of aisleway. Horses must be led to and from all classes and ridden in designated arenas or areas only. Do not **ride** horses on the blacktop.
6. No bareback (except in Bareback Class), racing, or riding double.
7. PLEASE limit use of cell phones during activities. No cell phone usage while riding.
8. ASTM/SEI approved headgear must be worn when riding at all times.
9. Closed-toed shoes or boots must be worn at all times. No flip flops, slippers or sandals in the barn or around horses – adults included!!
10. Keep a safe distance from horses. Never walk directly behind any horse.
11. If a horse is deemed dangerous or unmanageable it may be sent home by the camp director.
12. Horses exhibiting obvious signs of illness or unsoundness may be sent home or require a veterinarian's clearance to remain at camp.
13. Stall guards on stall doors are not allowed. All hay bags or nets must be tied at proper height to prevent a horse from getting any leg caught.
14. All horses should be fed during designated breaks and at least 1/2 hour before classes.
15. Water must be kept in stalls at all times. Two buckets are recommended.
16. All stalls must be kept clean (including tack stalls). Bring appropriate cleaning equipment (pitchfork & muck bucket). **ALL stalls must be cleaned and checked by a volunteer before dismissal Thursday.**
17. Be respectful to instructors! Parents and all visitors should not interfere with the instructors or riders during riding sessions. Anyone interfering may be asked to leave camp. Please direct any concerns to 4-H staff person or camp director.
18. Campers may not leave the grounds from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm without permission from staff.
19. NO HORSES OUT AFTER DUSK. Barn lights out at 10:00 pm.
20. All 4-H rules apply at horse camp. No smoking, no alcoholic beverages, or other controlled substances, including marijuana are allowed on premises. Anyone offending these rules will be asked to leave camp immediately and authorities will be notified.
21. Please do not bring valuable items to camp. 4-H will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
22. Visitors (outside of parents/guardians or grandparents) are not allowed at camp.

Camper's Signature/Date

Parent Signature/Date

Home Phone Number

Emergency Phone Number