

# 2009 Summer Riding and Equine Program for Boys and Girls Ages 6 – 14

Children of all levels, from first time riders to experienced horse owners have enjoyed participating in our Summer Riding Program. Together our experienced staff will take time and care to help build your child's self-confidence and positive attitude while developing their riding skills, knowledge, and sense of responsibility around horses.

All students receive a riding lesson every day and participate in the regular care and maintenance of their horse through grooming and tacking, and cleaning the horse's stall and equipment. All students will learn the basics about horse safety, breeds, colors, markings, parts of the horse, shoeing and feeding. We play fun games with the horses. Some children might like to learn how to drive a horse. More experienced children will learn about such things as showing, styles of riding, equipment, lameness, lunging, and judging conformation. As opportunities arise, veterinarians or other horse professionals will speak with the students.



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# General Information

Please have your child at the farm by 9:00 am and be prompt about picking them up at 2:00 pm. We can make arrangements for early arrivals and late pick-ups, if needed.

We feel confident your child will enjoy the program. You should know this is a hands on program, where the children will take part in the care of the horse they are assigned each day.



*Cooling out horses after a ride*

Please remember to sign and fill out all the necessary forms found in this package and return it with your deposit. Our staff are very qualified horse equestrians with years of experience and we are looking forward to having your child (children) with us this summer. If you have any questions, please feel free email ([Melissa@blackhorsecenter.com](mailto:Melissa@blackhorsecenter.com)) or to call in the evenings at (860) 488-4285 and ask for Melissa.

## 2009 Dates & Prices

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Summer Riding Program will run the following weeks:

- ♦ June 22 - 26
- ♦ June 29 - July 3
- ♦ July 6 - 10
- ♦ July 13 - 17
- ♦ August 3 - 7
- ♦ August 10 - 14

The cost is \$375 a week. Each additional week for the same child will be discount to \$325 per week. Each week is limited to only fifteen students in order to keep a high staff to student ratio. Please choose your dates early and return completed forms with your deposit to reserve those dates.



## What to Bring:

**Clothes:** Children will find jeans are not comfortable to ride in. A soft stretch pant with stirrups is best. Children should bring a change of clothes. We sometimes bathe the horses after a ride and kids often get wet.

**Shoes:** A shoe with a heel is the only safe footwear for riding. Please no sneakers or open toed shoes in barn.

**HARD HATS:** No child will be allowed to ride without proper headgear. Only approved riding helmets will be accepted. **NO BIKE HELMETS.** New riding helmets can be purchased from the tack shop located at the farm.

**Lunches:** Children will need to bring their own lunch and beverage. Refrigeration is available. The farm will offer snacks and drinks during the day and a barbecue lunch on Fridays. There is also a vending machine available to students for snacks.



*Some of our wonderful lesson horses!*