



Arrowmont Stables

Horse Camp



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Introduction To Horsemanship

Goals

Introduces You –

- ❖ To Caring For A Horse
- ❖ To How Horses Think
- ❖ To Riding – Safely, in the ring and on the trail

5 Day Program – “Equestrian Joy Fulfilled”

Horse Sense Section

Covers:

Approaching
Haltering and leading
Basic grooming
Saddling and bridling
Parts of the horse

Horsemanship Includes:

Safety Rules
Mounting and dismounting
Basic Positions
Control of the horse at the walk
Balance positions
Basic trail rules for trail riders

2 Day Program – “A Taste of Horsemanship”

Horse Sense Section

Covers:

Approaching
Haltering and leading
Basic grooming
Saddling and bridling

Horsemanship Includes:

Safety Rules
Mounting and dismounting
Basic Positions
Some Control of the horse
Some Balance positions

2 Afternoon Sessions – “Get Your Hooves Wet”

Horse Sense Section

Touches on:

Approaching
Haltering and leading
Some Basic grooming
Some Saddling and bridling

Horsemanship Includes:

Safety Rules
Mounting and dismounting
Some Basic Positions
Some Control of the horse
Some Balance positions



What Did A 10 Year Old Child Know That Saved His Friend And A Horse From Harm?

Young Chris, only 10 years old, was passionate about horses. It seemed he breathed, dreamed and lived horses. Needless to say, when he went to summer camp it was Horse Camp he attended.

But this summer horse camp was different. They believed not only was it important to know how to ride but also know how to take care of the horse and be aware of safety issues on the trail.

This camp believes young children, as young as 7, could learn to recognize various behavior characteristics and horse body language to offset possible problems in the ring and on the trail.

Well back to the story...Chris and his friends were enjoying a peaceful ride in the woods when Brad's horse started kicking out its hind legs, swishing his tail and dancing around. Brad started screaming. But Chris was able to maintain control of his wits. He knew what was happening. *And more importantly, he knew how to deal with it!*

Isn't that what you want for your child? To not only learn how to have fun, but also how to deal with possible issues that may arise having that fun? You can't be there every breathing moment. So you are being given the opportunity to provide these necessary skills and education for fun and safe horsemanship by Arrowmont, Chris' camp.

Okay, we're in the forest and Brad's horse is "acting up". What is it that Chris tells his friends to do?

- He tells Brad to shorten his reins to gain more control over the horse
- Grab the mane to gain stability in the saddle
- Move his horse up the trail at least 150 feet
- He instructed the other riders to move to the other side of the trail
- He also instructed them to move up the trail at least 150 feet also.

Since Chris was the only one who seemed to know what to do, he had no problem getting the others to follow his instructions. They all moved to the other side of the trail and safely joined Brad who had regained control of his horse.

Brad asked Chris, "What happened? Why did my horse act so strangely?"

Because of the special training Chris received at Horsemanship class he knew what had happened. It was a very common occurrence trail riders encounter in the summer. But often unrecognized as to the reason why. People just think their horse went crazy.

What was it that Chris saw that none of the other riders recognized as a particular sign? And then *knew what to do*?

This is what Chris saw the horse doing:

- Kicking out with his rear legs
- Rapidly swishing his tail from side to side and between his legs
- Dancing all around
- Even hopping around

What would you think?

This is what Chris thought *and* acted upon...

He saw a horse in the middle of a ground nest of bees desperately trying to get the bees away from his legs so they wouldn't sting him again.

Since the bees are small, no one could actually see them with all the activity. All they had to go on were the behaviors of the horse.

The one thing Chris wasn't aware of was Brad's horse is allergic to bee stings. So Chris' quick thinking and actions saved Brad from harm and his horse from an allergic reaction.

Now isn't this what you want for your child...Not only to be able to have fun but also at least be aware of some of the more common mishaps in having that fun and how to deal with them?

Arrowmont is offering a very limited number of openings in its elite Horsemanship Program. We are very selective in our applicants. If you want your child to learn what Chris did and more, send in an application. You may be one of the fortunate few who get in.

Call 1-828-743-2762 or 1-800-682-1092 today to see if an opening is still available for your child. Complete the enclosed application. Include Credit Card information or check and Fax it to 828-743-3753 or mail it to:

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Why Should My Child Participate In Arrowmont's Horse Day Camp?

Children who take part in this program learn life skills that will stay with them such as responsibility, sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership, and looking for the positive in life.

One of the most important values your child gains is a sense of self worth. Your child learns that not only is he receiving something very valuable for himself but he is also giving. He's giving to and taking care of his horse.

Self worth grows more through what you give than from what you receive.

It is Arrowmont's goal to nourish integrity, honesty and good character through responsible, ethical and valuable training in horsemanship.

The horses themselves are an important part of this picture. They have a unique honesty that is integral to the learning process.

In addition to learning about horses and riding, here are 4 "life lessons" or benefits we hope your child takes home with him...

1. Remember to "wear your seat belt". Use wisdom in all areas of your life.
Proverbs 4:7 ...Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
2. Enjoy your life and share that joy with others.
Psalm 16:11 ...in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.
3. Be good to people (and animals).
Matthew 22:39 ...love your neighbor as yourself.
4. Forgive unconditionally, your horse does.
Luke 6:37 ...forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.

Arrowmont Stables & Cabins, LLC Summer Horse Day Camp

**Very Limited Enrollment
For Ages 7 – 15**

5 Day Camp - Equestrian Joy Fulfilled

Monday – Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM (Please pack a lunch)
Check Application or website for dates.

2 Day Camp - A Taste of Horsemanship

Thursday & Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM (Please pack a lunch)
Check Application or website for dates.

(2) Half Day Camp – Getting Your Hooves Wet

Monday & Tuesday, 1 PM to 4 PM, (Please pack snacks)
Check Application or website for dates.

Required riding apparel:

Long pants, riding boots, camp shirt, (helmets provided by Arrowmont or you may purchase your helmet through us).



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A **Health Form** & an **Assumption of Responsibility Form** will be sent to you in addition to your Child's **Arrowmont Horse Camp Application**.

Please complete one set of forms for each child. If there is a second child from the same family, you get a 15% discount on the second or more children.