

Double Diamond Equestrian Center LLC

Summer Horse Camp

Full of fun, excitement, and HORSES!

Ages 7 to 15

9:00 am-1:00 pm M-TH

Tuition \$450 per child

WHAT MAKES OUR CAMP SPECIAL?

We offer an educational, hands-on horse camp for children. We have programs for the beginner as well as the advanced equestrian student.

Students will learn the basics of horsemanship, horse safety, care, and grooming, and most of all they will have great time.

Safety is our ultimate priority! Each session is limited to ensure proper supervision. Side-walkers are available for beginning students until they can control their horses. Horses are selected for their gentle personalities. Our safety record is unbroken, and riders leave camp happy and well informed.

Description of camper levels:

Level 1: A true beginner with limited or no riding or horse knowledge.

NO prerequisites for level 1 camps.

Prerequisites:

1. NONE

Level 2: Can tack up, quick groom, and ride independently. Has walked and trotted unassisted and can identify parts of the horse and tack.

(Students/campers must complete a level 1 camp before attending a level 2, or have their abilities evaluated by our staff.)

Prerequisites:

1. CURRENT (within the last 3 months) riding school students who have already completed a level one camp in previous years.

2. Campers who have completed a level 1 camp within the same year.

WHAT WILL THE CAMPERS DO?

Campers will rotate through different learning centers and activities which may include but not limited to: feed programs, tacking (putting equipment on and off horse), washing and grooming, barn chores, identifying parts of the horse and saddle, class work, ground work with horses, a riding lesson, and horse related games.

REGISTRATION

- **Space is limited so call early to reserve your spot.**
- Full tuition of \$450 is due with your online registration before the camper will have a spot reserved.
- Refer to the summer camp page on our website for all necessary enrollment information.
- Bring remaining completed releases on the first day of camp. Children will not be allowed to stay if paperwork is not completed. These can be found on the camp page of our website. Two of these releases must be **notarized** before you arrive at camp.
- All tuition is **NON-REFUNDABLE**. However, we understand that circumstances can change that may cause a camper to not be able to participate. If notice is received before registration for the camp ends, then we will be happy to credit the student's account for the half of amount of the tuition. This credit can be used towards any services that DDEC provides. The credited amount must be used within a 60-day time that the notice is given or that money will be forfeited. Again, no money will be refunded. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- Campers should arrive promptly at 9am and be picked up at 1pm.
- We cannot accommodate campers any earlier than 10 min before their camp starts.
- Each session will have a performance from 12pm-1pm, on Thursdays, for parents to attend.
- Please make sure that your child eats a good breakfast before he/she comes to camp.

RIDER ATTIRE AND FOOTWEAR:

- All campers must wear proper attire every day.
- Wear long pants (jeans or English riding pants), and slick sole boots with at least a one-inch riding heel. (brown or black boots are preferred)
- Extremely loose or baggy clothing is not allowed. Tank tops or spaghetti strap shirts are not allowed. Campers are also not permitted to wear dangling jewelry or rings that may impede the use of reins, or hoods that may impede visibility. All jackets must be zipped.
- All campers must have their hair secured back and away from their faces. Long hair should be in a low ponytail that does not interfere with wearing a helmet.
- Campers will also not be allowed to chew gum while working with horses on the ground or while riding.
- If any camper is not dressed appropriately, they will not be able to participate in equine activities.

HELMET POLICY:

- Helmets are required to be worn by every student under the age of 18 during all mounted activities. Equestrian helmets made to the current ASTM F1163 standard and certified by the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) are considered to offer the best possible head protection for horseback riding activities. Double Diamond Equestrian Center LLC does have some helmets available for students to rent during their riding lessons at our facility. However, if there is not a properly fitted helmet available for a student, they may be required to purchase their own helmet.
- Riding helmets can be provided for an extra \$20 cash or \$25 on a card per week. If you choose to purchase one for your child, you may purchase them from our office for \$60.

ALL CAMPERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A HELMET!

THINGS TO BRING EVERYDAY

1. Water jug
2. Morning/Afternoon healthy snack
3. Riding helmet (not a bicycle helmet)
4. Swimsuit, towel, and tennis shoes/sandals
5. Boots and jeans
6. A change of clothes including socks (to travel home in)
7. Sunscreen

CAN I STAY TO WATCH MY CHILD?

The safety of your child is our first priority. We CANNOT have parents or siblings staying with the children. Our full attention needs to be on the campers and nothing else. Family and friends are encouraged to attend the last day for the “open barn” to see what your child has learned. You are welcome to take pictures and videos at that time. Please make sure that any other children that come with you always stay in the observation area with you. We have many other horses on the premises and cannot be responsible for their safety. Also, dogs are NEVER allowed on the property!

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Call us at 432-692-0255 or visit our website

www.doublediamondequestriancenter.com

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