



## **Wild Hooves Wilderness Adventure Summer Program 2024**

*Horseback riding will be a part of camp each day, weather permitting. We recognize that although our campers love learning about and enjoying activities that reflect all of our furry friends, the opportunity to ride a horse is a summer exclusive experience for many of our familiar faces, and so we hope to maximize the opportunity for our veteran patrons by offering 5 full weeks of riding camp, with different themes to encompass our entire furry/ feathered family!*

### **Week one: For Love of a Horse**

**June 24th-28th**

This week is geared to be all inclusive and FUN! In the beginning of the week have fun grooming, braiding, and decorating a variety of ponies and horses. Mid-week we will learn about tack and equipment, basic movement, and styles of riding, and routine care for equines. As the week moves on, we will learn basic horse handling skills, the importance of balance and exercise to equine anatomy and even try out a mock show. Each day we will mount and learn to ride. While on horseback we will play games and learn skills congruent with each participants' individual skill levels. This week is all ages and beginner friendly!

### **Week two: The Milky Way**

**July 15th-19th**

This week, in addition to riding basics, we will learn all about Goats! First, of course, we will cover the basics: history, breeds, routine care, and wellness maintenance. Then as the week progresses, we will learn how to milk a goat, and make some goat's milk dairy products ourselves including ice cream, cheese, and soap! In addition, we will have lots of cuddle/snuggle time with the barn's newborn goats, and learn all about the benefits of bottle-feeding babies!

### **Week three: Nature Abound**

**July 22nd-26th**

This week is our most traditional camp week. Day one is hiking and foraging- returning as a favorite for many of our campers. Day two will be crafting. we will break out the tried-and-true Wildwood camp favorites as well as introduce a few new options. Day three is team building day. We will start the day with activities which honor other's individuality within a community, we will strategize as a team and collaboratively solve group obstacles. Day 4 will be garden exploration day. We will discuss types of plants, their uses, the pollination process, basic soil properties and pest management, then we will end the day with a garden walk, harvesting for community cooking and nature art. Day five will be our water fun day, including three group games and a return to prior days favorites.

**Week 4: Advanced Riders**

**July 29th- August 2nd**

This week will be open to our returning campers, Wildwood Acres students, and participants of other equine programs with a pre-camp riding evaluation. Content covered will be partially dictated by riding skill of interested participants, however, will be sure to reflect more advanced themes than beginner friendly weeks. This week will push you to better understand and bond with your equine through individualized challenges both in the ring, and on the trails! Fun is inevitable!

**Week 5: Farm Spun**

**August 5th-9th**

This week, we will learn all about our most exotic farm- family members: Alpacas! There are so many cool things to learn about this member of the Camelid group, and we can't wait to share it all with you! We will talk about their uses throughout culture and history, alpaca care 101, and basic handling skills. we will also work as a group to design an obstacle course for our rock star performer Bogey! we will also learn how shearing is accomplished, and process fiber from raw product into both yarn, and felted goodies!

Camp day schedule:

9:00: drop off

9:30: snack

10:00: animal care

11:00: theme activity

12:00: lunch

1:00: tack up

1:30: ride time/activity

3:00: camp day ends

\*\*aftercare is available if arranged before camp week starts, until 5:00pm each day at a rate of 10.00 per hr, per camper with advance registration only.

This is an agriculturally based camp, designed to build an appreciation for the natural world around us, and its creatures. Therefore, we begin our day with barn chores, break for snack, and then divide the remainder of our day into two segments of hands-on learning, with a lunch recess in the middle. During

lunch break, campers are encouraged to utilize their free time by enjoying the swings, animals, and the serene setting of Wildwood Acres. They may choose to continue work on a craft, or to bond with other campers more leisurely: cooling off in the shade, playing tag, or other unstructured activities. They are always supervised by staff during this time, but we find that allowing some unstructured time in the day allows for blossoming of positive self-image, and benevolent social dynamics within the group.

**Rates:**

<b>Before March 1<sup>st</sup> (Early Bird!)</b>	<b>After March 1st</b>
\$400 per week	\$500 per week
\$1,100 for 3 weeks (booked together) <b>(\$300 off)</b>	\$1,350 for 3 weeks <b>(\$150 off w/ multi-week discount when booked at the same time)</b>
\$2,000 for all 5 weeks (booked together) <b>(\$500 off)</b>	\$2,250 for all 5 weeks <b>(\$250 off w/ multi-week discount when booked at the same time)</b>

- Discounts available for siblings
- Only one discount applicable at a time

Deposits are due at time of enrollment. Deposits hold place for campers and thus are non-refundable and nontransferable.

As always, this is an agricultural camp, which means are days are spent outside rain or shine. We do utilize the barn spaces wherever possible, but not all activities are done indoors so please dress accordingly. Storage cubbies will be available this year for any gear that you would like to remain at camp for the duration of the week. We encourage bug spray and sunscreen supplication to be done prior to camp arrival, and if possible, extra to be sent with camper for re-application in the afternoon. We do not provide snack or lunch; however, we do offer refrigeration for lunchboxes and water bottles.

Thank you! We look forward to a fun-filled summer and hope to see you there!!!

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(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (circle one) Child S M L XL or Adult S M L XL

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**No experience necessary.** If participant has no previous riding experience, a preliminary lesson is required no later than 1 week prior to camp attendance for evaluation purposes.

Riding experience:

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Riding Instructor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ . Instructor's phone \_\_\_\_\_

Any medical conditions or physical limitations? If so, please explain (allergies, chronic illness, recent surgery, etc.)

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In case of emergency contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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**A 10% discount applies to:**

- Second or subsequent sessions for same child. First session is full price.
- Second and subsequent children in the same family. First child pays full price.
- **Only one discount per camper, total of 10% maximum discount.**

<u>Camp(s) Requested:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Price</u>
__ Session I <b>For Love of a Horse</b>	M T W Th F June 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	9a.m.- 3p.m.	\$500
__ Session II <b>The Milky Way</b>	M T W Th F July 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	9a.m.- 3p.m.	\$500
__ Session III <b>Nature Abound</b>	M T W Th F July 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	9a.m.- 3p.m.	\$500
__ Session IV <b>Advanced Riders</b>	M T W Th F July 29 <sup>th</sup> - August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9a.m.- 3p.m.	\$500
__ Session V <b>Farm Spun</b>	M T W Th F August 5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	9a.m.- 3p.m.	\$500

Before and Aftercare hrs needed \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
(payable on Monday of week attending)

If camp session registration minimums are not met, sessions may be cancelled or combined at the discretion of camp director. You will receive notice of any changes a minimum of thirty days prior to session.

NUMBER OF SESSIONS \_\_\_\_\_ DEPOSIT ENCLOSED (1/2) \_\_\_\_\_

DISCOUNT, IF APPLICABLE \_\_\_\_\_ BALANCE DUE \_\_\_\_\_  
**(full amount due at registration after May 31<sup>st</sup>)**

\*\*\* Deposits are non-refundable and nontransferable

**Requirements:**

- Each camper must wear long pants and boots or shoes with a low heel. No tennis shoes or sneakers!
- Helmets must be worn when mounted. Certified riding helmets will be provided.
- Gloves must be worn during all activity periods and riding sessions.
- Campers should bring a sack lunch and drink each day. A refrigerator is available.
- **A SIGNED LIABILITY WAIVER & RELEASE MUST BE ON FILE TO PARTICIPATE**

Office use only:

Reg. rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit pd \_\_\_\_\_ Ck# \_\_\_\_\_ Conf. sent \_\_\_\_\_  
Balance pd \_\_\_\_\_ Ch# \_\_\_\_\_