

# *Columbia Horse Center*

## Children's Horsemanship Summer Camp

Summertime at Columbia Horse Center is a fun, active and healthy place for children ages 8-15 to learn about and love horses. The days are spent in a relaxed, informal atmosphere where safety and fun are experienced hand in hand with horseback riding, hands-on-workshops, a mock horse show, trail rides, games on horseback, drill teams, and learning about the history of and care of horses.

The first day of each session our campers are evaluated in their riding skills and placed into appropriate riding groups. Many of our campers are first time riders, others have been involved with our lesson program already and are taking their equestrian education a step further. All our campers are instructed from the first day on safety skills around a horse. Our Horsemanship Campers have two - one hour horseback riding lessons per day, plus several hands-on-workshops covering topics such as:

- \* Feeding
- \* Grooming
- \* Tacking a horse up
- \* Proper care and cleaning of tack
- \* Bathing and clipping
- \* First Aid
- \* Braiding and trimming
- \* Trail Safety
- \* The horse in our history and much more.

**Hours:** Camp hours are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. If you need assistance for early arrivals and/or late dismissals, we will be glad to help. You may drop off as early as 8:00 a.m. and pick up as late as 6:00 p.m. for a fee of \$160.00 for the two-week session. An additional fee will be charged if picked up after 6:00 p.m. (\$10 per fifteen minutes or portion thereof). Please call the center to make the arrangements.

**Dates:** Campers may sign up for 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 week sessions. The camp's days are Monday-Friday each week. **5% discount for multiple sessions per child if paid in full by June 8, 2020.**

Session 1: June 15 - June 26  
Session 2: June 29 - July 10  
Session 3: July 13 - July 24

Session 4: July 27 - August 7  
Session 5: August 10 - August 21

**What to wear:** Campers are most comfortable wearing shorts during the hot summer months while they are not riding. However, they must bring a pair of long pants to change into when riding. **All campers must have a proper riding boot or shoe with small heel. Campers will not be permitted to ride without them.** Approved riding helmets are mandatory and can be purchased at Woodland Tack Shop, 301-421-5954 at a discount. If purchased at Woodland Tack Shop and your child stops riding after camp is through, we will purchase it back from you at 50% of the cost provided it is in good condition and not damaged and you have your receipt.

**Lunch:** Please bring a lunch for your child every day. We do have a refrigerator, but it gets very full so it is recommended that your child brings a small cooler. An afternoon energy snack is also a good idea as the kids are very active throughout the day. There is a snack machine in the lounge, too.

**Graduation Ceremony:** The final day of each session the campers will perform a drill ride to music. This gives our campers an opportunity to show the skills they have developed during camp in an actual lesson. Awards are presented to each camper, and it is followed by hot dogs and soda.

**Cost:** The cost of camp is as follows:

2 weeks - \$940.00

B/A care - \$160.00

**5% discount on multiple sessions per child. All sessions must be paid for in full by June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**The total deposit must include one-half (1/2) of the tuition cost (\$470.00) for all sessions in which the camper is enrolled.** The balance of the cost due and the Health Form is due **one week prior to the first day of camp.** A refund on the deposit is made only if the camper's reservation is able to be filled. There is a \$50.00 non-refundable fee for cancellations and a \$25.00 non-refundable administration fee for any changes made; including session changes.

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