

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING 4-H HORSE CAMP

4-H Horse Camp is open to all Wyoming 4-H Club Members, Parents, 4-H Leaders, and Wyoming Extension Personnel to attend. Due to limited resources and safety, riding participation is limited to youth only this year to best serve the educational needs of those youth. Leaders, volunteers, and parents are welcome to attend and observe. The educational programs presented at Horse Camp are designed to provide practical, hands-on training. The major emphasis of the camp is to improve safe riding and handling skills for 4-H youth.

Registration is now increased to 80 4-H youth participants and is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Camp Objectives

All of the activities and presentations are designed to help accomplish the following:

- For the participants to enjoy themselves and have fun
- For the participants to learn and understand horse safety
- For the participants to enhance their horsemanship abilities
- To improve basic horse knowledge through skill-a-thons
- To improve the riding skills of 4-H Members, such as:
 - Saddling, bridling, basic seat, balance, control turn on haunches, forehand, collection, and lateral flexion

Camp Safety

Safety is a major focus at all 4-H Events and will also be emphasized at Horse Camp. All participants will be expected to comply with all safety procedures at all times. Riding double, riding bareback, or riding with only a halter will not be permitted. Older campers are also expected to assist younger campers with all camp guidelines and safety procedures.

Campers should have equipment that fits and is in good repair. There is not a dress code, but it is suggested that campers wear appropriate clothing including boots, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and a hat or helmet. The use of ASTM/SEI Approved Equestrian Safety Helmet is encouraged.

While it is not expected that each child will always have the perfect horse, for the safety of all campers, please participate with a well-broke horse that the youth is capable of riding, handling, and is not afraid of. Horses that pose a safety hazard will be sent home. Stallions and mares with colts pose a severe safety hazard and are not permitted.

In an attempt to keep the ratio of campers to instructors/helpers low, we encourage help from parents regardless of their level of experience. A horse does not necessarily need to be present for all duties.

Designated Chaperone

While all youth are supervised during educational activities at camp, it is crucial that each participant has a designated chaperone for times when an activity is not taking place. Each participant is responsible for designating his/her own chaperone. The designated individual can be a parent or any other adult attending the camp that knows the child. If the participant is staying in the dorms, the designated chaperone should be the same gender and plan to stay in the dorms as well. *This is the person that will be contacted in the event of an emergency.*

All adults staying in the dorms must be successfully screened through the Wyoming 4-H Volunteer Screening Process. Screening information, details, and forms are available from your local County Extension Office.

NO ATV'S ALLOWED

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Horse Health and Travel Regulations

A copy of a 30 day health certificate from a veterinarian will be required this year for the safety and health of all horses attending. Health papers must be presented at time of check in. Horses without health papers will not be allowed to attend. Horses should be up-to-date on their annual vaccinations and it is recommended that flu and rhino shots be given prior to attending camp. Please check with your veterinarian regarding these shots. Sick horses will be sent home. Brand Papers are required when hauling a horse across county lines.

What to Bring

It is not possible to list all of the items that you might need at Horse Camp, but the following list will get you started:

- Your horse and any specialty items it may require
 - No horses or equipment are provided at camp.
- Saddle, bridle, blanket, halter, and other required tack items
- Leg wraps and other horse care items
- Brushes, hose, spray nozzle, and other grooming supplies
- Buckets and/or pans for feeding and watering
- Feed and hay
- Bedding for your horse
 - Bags of wood shavings will be available at camp for \$10.00 per bag
- Pitchfork, rake, shovel, wheelbarrow, and other items required to clean your horse stall or stock trailer
- Personal items such as soap, toothbrush, towels, and etc
- Bedding items such as a pillow and sheets or sleeping bag
- Proper clothing, hat and/or helmet, and a coat or jacket
- Riding boots, rain/work boots, and other raingear
- Sunscreen is a must!!!!!!
- Water bottle
- A pocket notebook and pencil are also recommended.

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Registration Information

The following registration packages are available for youth and adults attending Horse Camp:

Package A – *All-Inclusive registration: \$155.00 per person*

Includes:

Stall fees for one (1) horse
Lodging in the dorms for Friday and Saturday nights
Meals from lunch on Friday to Breakfast on Sunday
Event T-Shirt

Package B – *Partial registration: \$110.00 per person*

Includes:

Meals, stall fees (Fri.-Sun.), no lodging, Event T-Shirt
Example: youth participant staying in campground

Package C – *Partial registration: \$110.00 per person*

Includes:

Meals, dorm lodging (Fri.-Sun.), no horse, Event T-Shirt
Example: adult helping child

Package D – *Meal registration: \$60.00 per person*

Includes:

Meals ONLY
Example: adult helping child

- Youth are welcome to bring additional horses for a fee of \$15.00 per horse, per night for stall space.
- **Lodging space and horse stalls will be available on Thursday night as well. Please indicate early arrival when registering. Thursday night is not included in regular registration packages.**

Registration for youth riders will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. For a registration to be accepted as *complete*, the following items must be completed:

1. Register online
2. Complete the online 4-H Health/Participation Form through 4-H Online
3. Registration Fees submitted (can be paid online or via check to Wyoming State 4-H Foundation)

****Online registration will be available April 20 at www.Wyoming4H.org****

Refunds

Cancellation requests received at the State 4-H Office by the registration deadline will be refunded in full. Those requests received after the deadline may be eligible to receive up to half of the registration fee already paid. In the case of an emergency cancellation, please contact the State 4-H Office at 307-766-5170.

Need more information?

Do you have questions about Horse Camp or need more information? Please contact:

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

A more specific schedule will be distributed at camp

THURSDAY

4:00-6:00 p.m. Registration/Check-In open (Horse Show Office)
7:30 pm Meeting & Orientation Session for Instructors

FRIDAY

8:00-11:00 am Registration/Check-In open (Horse Show Office)
9:30-10:30 am Skills Assessment

- *For educational purposes, youth are placed in groups so they are able to progress through sessions with riders who are similar in age and riding knowledge.*
- *Youth who are able are asked to be in the arenas listed below at 9:30 a.m. If youth aren't able to join at that time, please join at your earliest convenience.*

Juniors Yellow Arena
Intermediates Silver Arena
Seniors Main Arena

11:00 am-12 noon Demonstration (all participants)
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch in the cafeteria - announcements at 12:30
1:00-6:00 pm Group Educational Programs
6:00-6:30 pm Unsaddle and care of horses
6:30-7:30 pm Dinner in the cafeteria – announcements at 6:45
7:30-8:45 pm Group Educational Programs
8:45-9:30 pm Care of horses
9:30 pm In the dormitories
10:30 pm Lights out

SATURDAY

6:30-7:30 am Breakfast in the cafeteria - announcements at 7:30
8:00-8:15 am Demonstration - Cafeteria (All Participants)
8:15-8:30 am Saddle up and prepare horses
8:30- 12:00 noon Group Educational Programs
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch in the cafeteria - announcements at 12:30
1:00-2:15 pm Skills
2:15-2:30 pm Saddle up and prepare horses
2:30-4:45 pm Group Educational Activities
4:45-5:00 pm Unsaddle and care of horses
5:00-6:00 pm Dinner in the cafeteria - announcements at 5:30
6:30-7:30 pm Presentations
7:30 pm Camp Challenge
8:45 pm Care of horses
9:30 pm In the dormitories
10:30 pm Lights out

SUNDAY

6:30-7:30 am Breakfast in the cafeteria
7:30-8:30 am Announcements and presentation of awards
8:30-9:00 am Pack clothes and clean dormitories (including bathrooms)
9:00-9:15 am Saddle up and prepare horses
9:15-11:15 am Group Educational Activities
11:15 am Clean stalls and grounds----Have a safe trip home

Special programs, announcements, and door prizes will be conducted at each meal. They will begin 30 minutes after the start of the meal and those not eating in the cafeteria should join the group for these presentations.