

Von Doeler's Ranch

Youth Wrangler Training Program

4 Day Immersive Horsemanship & Leadership Course

Date: July Aug. 4-7, 2026.

Location: Von Doeler's Ranch, 1286 Von Doeler Rd. Rutherglen, ON. Canada

Overview

The Youth Wrangler Training Program is a 4 day immersive horsemanship and leadership program designed for intermediate to advanced youth (age 12- 17) seeking hands-on, real-world training to better prepare them for equine ownership, and equine related careers. Teens will ride, work, and train as part of a team.

The program blends horsemanship, equine behavior, horse care, trail guiding, instructional skills, and leadership development.

This is not a passive camp — students are expected to take responsibility, contribute and learn as a team

Who This Is For

This program is designed for riders who:

- Are serious about advancing their horsemanship
- Are considering a future in the equine industry
- Are looking to deepen their knowledge in horses and horsemanship

Arrival: Monday morning

Departure: Thursday 4pm.

Total stay: 3 nights / 4 days

Accommodations

- Participants stay in shared tents. Please expect rustic accommodations.
- Shared shower facilities and modern washrooms are available on-site.
- We ask for respectful water use throughout the week.

Meals

Ten meals are included, beginning with Monday lunch and finishing with Thursday lunch. Meal preparation, clean-up, and morning chore rotations are completed as a team and are part of the leadership and responsibility component of the program.

Basic dietary needs can be accommodated. For more specialized dietary requirements, please contact us in advance to discuss options.

Program Breakdown

**Schedule may adjust based on weather conditions and the needs of the horses. A flexible, open mindset is important.*

Day One – Foundations & Equine Wellness

Safe horse handling and groundwork, equine behavior and communication, leadership through horsemanship, daily chores and team systems, equine wellness and preventative care, and an introduction to farm maintenance.

Day Two – Trail Guide Training

Saddle and tack checks, equipment fit, trail safety, client management, rider evaluation, and emergency response scenarios.

Day Three – Cattle & Pack Trip Evening

Mounted cattle work, roping fundamentals, pack horse preparation, and dinner at camp (packing in, packing out). Riders will return to the ranch overnight.

Day Four – Instruction & Industry Leadership

Lesson planning, practice teaching, leadership in ranch environments, and equine industry pathways. Evaluations & recommendations moving forward.

Rider Requirements

- Must be confident handling horses on the ground
- Ability to ride with control at walk, trot with some experience at canter recommended.
- Riders must be comfortable on varied terrain and have experience riding in open spaces (ie., trails, pastures, etc).
- Strong Novice / Intermediate skill level minimum; advanced riders welcome.
- Participants must be 12- 17 at the time of the program.

Instructors

Elana von Doeler: Certified Equestrian Canada Coach, Professional Barrel Racer, and Founder of Von Doeler's Ranch (17+ years). Specializing in mindset, systems and horse/rider connection.

Maria Morel Maluk: Lifetime Equestrian Coach, Certified Sports Instructor, and Riding School Owner (7 years). Specializing in structured rider development and horsemanship.

Marie Lopez: Advanced Instructor specializing in horse management, guiding and foundational skill development.

Elizabeth: Camp Co-Ordinator specializing in foundations, meals & team dynamics

Investment

Early Bird: 725 + HST (prior to May 1st)

Regular: \$775 + HST

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Spots are limited to ensure quality instruction and meaningful hands-on experience.

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