

Von Doeler's Ranch

Wrangler Training Program

4.5-Day Immersive Horsemanship & Leadership Course

Date: July 13- 17, 2026.

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

Overview

The Wrangler Training Program is a 4.5-day immersive horsemanship and leadership certification program designed for intermediate to advanced riders seeking hands-on, real-world training in a ***working ranch environment***. Participants ride, work, and train as part of a team.

The program blends horsemanship, equine behavior, horse care, trail guiding, pack trip organization, ranch operations, instructional skills, and leadership development.

This is not a passive clinic—participants are expected to show up fully, take responsibility, and contribute.

Who This Is For

This program is designed for riders who:

- Are serious about advancing their horsemanship
- Learn best through responsibility and real-world application
- Are considering a future in the equine industry
- Want structured experience guiding and instructing
- Seek a professional environment of committed, like-minded riders

Daily Training Schedule

Training hours are *approximately* 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM (Monday–Thursday), with additional morning and evening responsibilities. Friday morning is reserved for individual testing, evaluations, and instructor feedback. Wednesday evening is spent on an overnight pack trip.

Arrival: Sunday evening or Monday morning

Departure: Friday midday following evaluations unless other arrangements have been made

Total stay: 5 nights / 4.5 training days

Accommodations

- Participants stay in shared tents or a lakefront cabin. Please expect rustic accommodations.
- One overnight camp-out takes place during the pack trip on Day Three.
- Shared shower facilities and modern washrooms are available on-site.
- We ask for respectful water use throughout the week.

Meals

Fifteen meals are included, beginning with Sunday dinner and ending with Friday 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.

Example meals may include:

- Breakfast: eggs, meat, potatoes
- Lunch: sandwiches
- Dinner: meat and vegetables

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 and basic building skills.

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 Skills

Mounted cattle work, roping fundamentals, pack horse preparation, and an overnight group camp-out.

Day Four – Instruction & Industry Leadership

Pack trip debrief, lesson planning, practice teaching, leadership in ranch environments, and equine industry pathways.

Day Five – Evaluation & Testing

Final assessments of horse handling, guiding skills, communication, instructional competency, written reflection, and next-step recommendations.

Rider Requirements

- Must be confident handling horses on the ground
- Ability to ride with control at walk, trot with some experience at canter
- Riders must be comfortable on varied terrain and have experience riding in open spaces (ie., trails, pastures, etc).
- Intermediate skill level minimum; advanced riders welcome.
- Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

**Selection is case-by-case to ensure safety and appropriate instructional level.*

Certification

Certification is earned through demonstrated skill, professionalism, participation, and attitude. Participants who successfully pass final evaluations receive a Certificate of Completion and a Letter of Recommendation.

Optional Post-Program Practicum

Selected participants may be invited to stay for up to three additional weeks. This opportunity is invitation-only and capacity-limited. Includes accommodation and meals, one weekly private lesson, supervised riding and shadow opportunities as a guide or instructor, half-day ranch work rotation, logged practical hours, and a reference letter upon successful completion. If interested, select this option on your form and we will be in contact to discuss options.

Cost: \$650 CAD per week

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: Assistant Instructor specializing in horse management, guiding and foundational skill development.

Investment

Wrangler Training Program Regular Price (4.5 days): \$1,595 + HST CAD

Founding Year Tuition: \$1,350 + HST CAD (when booked by June 1, 2026)

Optional Post Program Practicum: \$650 CAD per week

Transportation

The nearest international airport is **Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)**.

From there, daily bus service is available through **Ontario Northland** or **Northern Airport Service**, with routes to North Bay or Rutherglen.

Complimentary pickup from Rutherglen is included, and a member of our team will meet you there.

Apply

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

If this speaks to you, we look forward to reviewing your application.

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