

SADDLE SQUAD SUMMER HORSE CAMP

Rules and Registration

Interested in our camp? Great! Below we've listed a few things we need to know about your camper and all the things you'll need to know about our camp.

Camp Sessions run for 8 weeks

Week 1: June 10-14	Week 5: July 8-12
Week 2: June 17-21	Week 6: July 15-19
Week 3: June 24-28	Week 7: July 22-26
Week 4: July 1-5	Week 8: July 29-Aug 2

Booking is available online with full payment at www.applecreekcv.com

Every camp week is open to all ages 8-17 and all levels. We have a max of 16 campers per week and organize our campers into groups of 4 managed by a counselor, with groupings being based on age and/or experience. This allows us to give campers more one-on-one instruction and also allows us to accept a variety of ages and levels for each week.

Our counselors undergo a basic CPR and first aid course and all are accomplished riders with experience working with kids.

For safety, we teach western riding (the big saddle with a horn cowboys ride in) and use great horses with proven temperaments and good training. We also require all campers wear helmets when handling or riding the horses as well as their camp t-shirts for easy visual identification around the barn property. By maintaining a 4:1 camper to counselor ratio and enforcing "the buddy system" we also ensure there are always eyes on your camper.

Ready to sign up? Please fill out all the info below and email it back to us at: saddlesquadsummercamp@gmail.com.

Child Name: _____

Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____ Weight: _____

Borrowing Helmet (circle one): Yes. No.

If borrowing a helmet, helmet size: _____

Previous riding experience, please describe briefly: _____

DAY CAMP INCLUDES:

- One- and two-week sessions throughout the summer for children 8-17 years old
- Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Camp T-shirt provided, mandatory to be worn each day
- Camp work book
- A horse and tack for each child to learn to care for
- A counselor skilled in leadership and horsemanship to supervise and instruct the children
- Special events such as: lunch trail rides, games on horseback, horse shows, and drill teams, roping practice
- July 4th will be a short-day, finishing at 12pm.

CAMP RATES:

- 1-week session \$857
- Family: 2 kids one week \$1667
- 2- weeks, one camper \$1654

REFUND POLICY

- Refunds are given up to 15 days prior to the first day of camp, minus a \$150.00 cancellation fee.
- Cancellations made less than 15 days prior to the start of camp **WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.**

LESSONS PRIOR TO HORSE CAMP:

We recommend 4 riding lessons before the start of camp. This will give your child a head start with equestrian skills. Call the Stables Office to set up your pre-camp lessons: **(510) 774-0970.**

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

1. Horseback riding boots (NOT hiking boots – they MUST be riding boots!) which are always to be worn around the horses.
2. Long pants for horseback riding.
3. Daily sack lunch, water bottles, and sunscreen.
4. ATSM/SEI-approved horseback riding helmet (this can be purchased in the Stables Office, or one can be borrowed for the duration of camp).

CAMP CURRICULUM (each week will vary in what topics are covered):

1. Halter, lead, tie, groom, saddle and bridle their horses
2. Basic control under saddle; steering, stopping, moving forward
3. Balance and control in: walk, trot and beginning to canter
4. Beginning of horse psychology, how they think, react
5. Different riding positions; sitting, posting and 2-point
6. Horse care; feeding, grooming, stall cleaning, tack cleaning
7. Trail riding rules and safety
8. Bareback riding and balance
9. Purpose and use of different saddles and tack
10. Equine first-aid, and common signs of a horse in distress
11. Horse breeds, color patterns and purposes of breeds
12. Groundwork: Safe lunging techniques, bathing, horse turnouts

CAMP RULES:

Children must follow Apple Creek Farms rules at all times.

1. No running around the horses
2. No screaming/yelling as it might spook the horses
3. Pick up after yourself and your horse, i.e. trash goes in trash cans and manure in manure bins.
4. Children must use the buddy system when on the property.
5. Parents/guardians must check-in and check out their children with the head counselor before and after camp.
6. Campers need to wear their camp T-shirts every day of camp. First T-shirt is provided as part of the camp fee, additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$25.00 each.