

Shadow Creek Farm – Summer Camp Curriculum

Summer Camp 2026

Full Day Camp (9AM–3PM) — \$465

Half Day Camp (9AM–1PM) — \$390

Monday – Safety, Basics, Horse Familiarity

Morning:

- Introductions, barn tour, review of safety rules
- Grooming basics and tacking overview
- Riding assessments to match riders with appropriate horses
- Hydration break and horse cool-down procedures

Afternoon:

- Horse handling and safety reinforcement
- “Name That Horse Equipment/Item” educational game
- Friendship Bracelet craft activity

Tuesday – Riding Skills & Stable Management

Morning:

- Riding lesson focusing on balance, posture, and steering
- Water break and horse cool-down routine
- Review of proper rider positioning

Afternoon:

- Barn chores: feed overview, watering routines, stall care basics
- Tack lesson: proper bridling and saddling
- Horse Photo Frame craft (photos taken during morning riding session)

Wednesday – Confidence Building & Care

Morning:

- Riding lesson: patterns and steering control
- Mini horse show practice: walk pattern and ring etiquette
- Grooming and tack check practice

Afternoon:

- Horse health basics: hoof checks, cooling out, simple first-aid overview
- Groundwork skills: leading, stopping, backing, obstacle walking
- Paint Your Own Pony Pot craft

Thursday – Water Fun Day + Light Riding

Morning:

- Light ride focusing on comfort and control

- Quick cool-down and hydration session

Afternoon:

- Slip-and-slide water activity
- Water balloon toss competition
- Sponge-bucket relay race
- “Dunk the Counselor” bucket challenge
- Hose-spray obstacle course
- Rock Painting craft

Friday – Arena Games & Rider Showcase

Morning:

- Outdoor arena games: egg-and-spoon race, cone weaving, pole patterns, mounted relays
- For the FIRST TIME EVER, parents may attend and spectate the Horse Riding Challenge Skills!
- Parents may enter at 10:30 AM and must vacate promptly when the riding session ends
- Showcase warm-up and rider encouragement

Afternoon:

- Rider Showcase for parents (optional)
- Wooden Painted Horses craft activity
- Camper awards, certificates, and photos

We will do our best to follow this schedule; however, weather, staff availability, or other circumstances outside of our control may require adjustments to the daily structure.