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## **CHINCAPIN SUMMER CAMP RIDING PROGRAM**

Summer camp is a time to learn, experience new things, and make new friends; but most of all, have fun doing these things in a safe, friendly environment.

The riding program offers all this and more. Our friendly, knowledgeable instructors care about teaching your camper, and developing her riding skills to the best of her ability in the safest possible environment.

Here is a list of information you might find helpful and informative.

### **RIDING SAFETY**

Safety is first, last and always. This also pertains to items needed while riding. Because of this, all riders must wear the following to ensure their safety while riding:

1. Approved ASTM/SEI hunt cap.. (You must have your own hunt cap).
2. Paddock boots, or English riding boots. **NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO RIDE IN TENNIS SHOES, or cowboy boots.**

### **WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?**

You do not need special clothing to ride at Chincapin. Jeans or a comfortable pair of slacks are fine. If you own jodhpurs or breeches, you may wear those. **SHORTS ARE NOT PERMITTED WHILE RIDING** (unless chaps are worn over them).

### **WHERE CAN I PURCHASE RIDING APPAREL**

If you are in need of a hunt cap or any other type of riding equipment or apparel, you can shop at Schneiders Saddlery. Schneiders is located at 8255 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, next to the Post Office. Their phone number is 440-543-2700. Just tell the salesperson what you are looking for, and they will be glad to help you. If you wish to make any purchases on-line, here are a few web sites that may be of help and interest for your riding needs: [www.statelinetack.com](http://www.statelinetack.com), [www.doversaddlery.com](http://www.doversaddlery.com), [www.sstack.com](http://www.sstack.com), [www.bigdweb.com](http://www.bigdweb.com), [www.jeffersequine.com](http://www.jeffersequine.com).

### **DETERMINING RIDING LEVELS**

All campers are screened the first day of camp. When their riding ability level has been determined, the campers are then broken down into one of five categories: Walk/Trot, Beginner Canter, Beginner Jump, Jump up to 18 inches, Jump 18 inches or better. Your camper will be assigned to a group at her ability level. Your camper will be told the time she will ride the following day.



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## **HOW OFTEN DO THE CAMPERS RIDE?**

The campers are at the barn four days a week. The number of times the girls are on the horses each day may vary from year to year depending on the mixture of beginner to advanced riders for the summer. Campers will either receive a short lesson 4 days a week, or a long lesson twice a week. We also have mini clinics where the campers learn other things about horses. Examples: terms, equipment, care, and many other interesting facts to know about our equine friends. Another fun group activity that is reviewed and given are Horse Shoe Tests. These tests are broken down into various topics. When the campers pass each section of the tests, they place an "X" next to their name on a chart that is displayed in the barn. Each camper can see how far they or their friends have gone on the Horse Shoe Tests. These tests also ensure that we know your camper is learning and understanding what is being discussed or taught on any given topic.

## **HOW ARE HORSES ASSIGNED?**

The horse or pony that each camper rides depends upon their riding ability level. We are very careful to match the correct horse or pony to each camper. Each camper is assigned a certain horse or pony to ride each week. They keep that horse for the entire week. Each Friday, the campers give us an idea of what horse they would like to ride the following week.

## **HORSE SHOW**

Towards the end of the camp season, we have a "Horse and Rider Show Off" day for all the campers. The show is set up just so each camper can show family and friends what they've learned during the session.

Each camper is in two classes. The type of class depends entirely upon their level of riding. We have a qualified judge(s), and all the campers receive a blue ribbon in each of their two classes.

## **LOCKER ASSIGNMENTS**

Each camper will have a locker to keep her riding apparel in during summer camp. The only thing we ask is that at the end of each week, they take home the clothing they rode in to be laundered. The lockers are located upstairs in the barn.

It is hoped that the information provided has assisted you. If you have questions call Marty Toneff, the Director of Riding, at 440-255-1967.