

CAMP DART-LO

Horse Programs

SUPPLEMENTAL PARENT GUIDE

Horses are beautiful, powerful and graceful. While propped on top, you will be too. As you excitedly anticipate camp and your special excursion, you may have many questions. The following instructions will help you prepare.

All 4 horse programs are offered at Mini Acres Ranch in Colbert, WA.

Introduction to Horseback Riding	2 hours	Grades K-3rd
Horesback Riding	3 hours	Grade 4 and up
Advanced Horseback Riding	3 hours	Grade 4 and up
Horse Camp	12 hours	Grade 4 and up

Please review the detailed descriptions for each program.

Introduction to Horseback Riding

PROGRAM:

This two-hour adventure geared especially for K-3rd graders will include basic care, leading, grooming and feeding horses, and an introduction to different horse breeds at Mini Acres Ranch in Colbert. Campers will also enjoy a farm animal petting zoo and an English riding demonstration.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT:

To ensure a healthy, fun and comfortable activity, please bring boots or thick-soled shoes with heels. You may also want to bring your camera.

SAFETY:

Participants will receive a safety orientation and be expected to follow all regulations and emergency procedures.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:

Although no riding will occur, each participant must complete the enclosed "Release and Assumption of Risk" form, as even being around horses produces a mild risk. Please read this carefully. Parent signature is required. Return it to camp on the first day of the session.

Horesback Riding & Advanced Horseback Riding

PROGRAM:

The adventure will include three hours of English style riding; and grooming, care, feeding and saddling of horses at Mini Acres in Colbert.

Transportation is provided to and from camp, please bring a sack lunch.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT:

To ensure a healthy, fun and comfortable trip, please bring the clothing and equipment listed below in addition to what is listed in the Parent Guide. **YOU MUST BRING A RIDING HELMET.**

- boots or thick-soled shoes with heels
- long pants/jeans (YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RIDE IN SHORTS)
- gloves (leather or cotton)
- riding helmet
- camera (optional)

SAFETY:

Prior to riding horses, participants will be evaluated by the riding staff and assigned to appropriate horses/activities based on experience and comfort level. Participants will also receive a safety orientation and be expected to follow all regulations and emergency procedures.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:

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RIDING HELMETS

HELMETS ARE MANDATORY FOR THESE RIDING PROGRAMS. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL PARTICIPANTS TO BRING OR PURCHASE THIER OWN PROPERLY FITTED EQUESTRIAN RIDING HELMET BEFORE RIDING HORSES. CAMP WILL HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF HELMETS AVAILABLE TO BORROW FOR RIDING PARTICIPANTS.

Horse Camp

PROGRAM:

The adventure will give beginner and intermediate riders an introduction to beginning horseback riding and an overview of safety rules. The three days will include learning riding skills, grooming and care, feeding and saddling horses and cleaning tack at Mini Acres Ranch in Colbert. The style of riding is English. Advanced riders will receive additional coaching on techniques in the arena and on the trail. Transportation is provided to and from camp, please bring a sack lunch.

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- long pants/jeans (YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RIDE IN SHORTS)
- gloves (leather or cotton)
- riding helmet
- camera (optional)

SAFETY:

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PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:

Each participant must complete the enclosed "Release and Assumption of Risk" form. Please read this carefully. Parent signature is required. Return it to camp on the first day of the session. Participants will NOT ride horses without this form returned prior to the excursion.