

WAUSHARA COUNTY 4-H HORSE ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

Horse Camp 2019

June 7th, 8th, and 9th

(Friday through Sunday)

at the Waushara County Fairgrounds, Wautoma, WI

Safety clinic is June 1st.

If you are from another county please contact Nancy if you are unable to attend. (At this time new campers will also be shown the layout of the fair grounds so they will know where to go for camp).

4-H Horse and pony, Horseless Horse Youth Project & their horses
(Youth may camp with or without a horse)

Includes food, lodging, stabling & classes

Cost:

\$75. (Waushara County 4-H Horse Members)

\$50. additional child(ren) in same family

\$40. One day (Saturday only or Sunday only)

\$100. (Other Counties 4-H Horse Members)

\$75. additional child(ren) in same family

\$50. One day (Saturday only or Sunday only)

plus parent volunteer work shifts

For more information contact: Nancy Kopach Home 715-228-4641
Cell 715-935-2240, e-mail nakopach@hotmail.com or message me.

Registration Deadline: May 20, 2019

Register early for best class selection!

For any campers that have younger siblings in K-2nd grade and are Cloverbuds we are offering supervised classes. Registration on separate forms. **They may not be mounted at any time.**

About the camp

Horse camp is held at the Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma, WI.

Arrival at camp is between 5pm and 8pm on Friday.

Arrival on Sat/Sun 7:30am

Departure from camp is about 4:00 pm Sunday. Following cleanup and stall check.

Your evaluations must be turned in.(Both parent & Youth)

Options for campers:

Bring your horse and all your horse's food, tack, equipment and bedding. Horses are stabled in stalls at the horse barn. Youth are responsible for all horse care throughout the weekend. A good match between a horse and rider is important for the safety of everyone at camp. Please consider the experience of the horse and rider when signing up for camp classes. Youth should bring a horse that they can control both on the ground and in the saddle. **Beginning riders** should have a responsible adult at the camp with them. **See camp rules.** Parents are encouraged to attend the camp and classes with their children at no additional cost.

Share a horse. If you have a horseless horse contract or can find someone who is willing to share their horse with you during camp you may do so.

Camp Without a horse. You may attend unmounted sessions at camp without a horse. You are required to check in Friday night at the dorm by 7pm.

Day camp option is available for campers who are not ready to spend the night away from home or for health issues. You must check in by 7pm on Friday night. You may leave and return in the morning, however, you are responsible for all your horse's care as determined by the camp schedule. **You must sign out at night and back in in the morning at the dorm on the sheet with the camp director or dorm manager.**

Single Day Camp: Sign up for classes Saturday only or Sunday only. (Remember to bring your Coggins. Original & a copy!!)

Facilities

Campers sleep in the dorm (Family Living building). Cots are provided or you may bring an air mattress. Buildings do not have heat so bring plenty of warm bedding. Showers are available in the Rabbit/Poultry building. 3-4 people at a time. You must sign out and in (name and time) so we know where you are. Please behave and clean up after yourself if there is no adult with you.

Meals

Food is cooked and served at the 4-H Food stand for Saturday breakfast, lunch & supper and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Snacks are also served. These meals are included in the price of camp. (There is a volunteer list included with this registration packet for parents to sign up for at least one donated food item.)

Classes

Saturday and Sunday we provide two full days of both riding and un-mounted instruction. Campers will have the opportunity to ride up to 4 hours each day per horse. We offer ground manners classes and showmanship classes where youth work with their animals but do not ride. Also available are a wide variety of un-mounted classes where youth can learn about horses and participate in hands on projects to show at the County Fair or State Horse Expo. **See class descriptions.**

Volunteers are the **heart** of our camp and keep the cost affordable. Parents are required to volunteer for several work shifts at camp on the enclosed volunteer form. You don't need to know anything about horses to help. Parents who would rather not be working with horses can help cook meals, supervise the dorm, plan/supervise evening activities or even help teach craft classes. If you like to be with the horses, then helping in the arenas and at the barn may appeal to you. You will be surprised how much you learn just helping out at camp. Remember that your help makes this camp possible!

Registration Information

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Register early for the best class selection. The **Camp Schedule of classes** lists all classes offered by day and time. Refer to **Class Descriptions** to learn more about the classes. Each rider may sign up for up to 4 riding classes per day, **unless you bring 2 horses**. Be kind to your horse. Don't work him/her more than he/she is in condition for. If you are sharing a horse with someone please make sure you check your schedule with theirs. **Horses will not be allowed to be ridden in more than 4 classes per day**. Consider your horses training and ability when choosing your classes. If you choose a class inappropriate to you or your horses ability, the instructor may ask you to leave the class. If this happens, you will not have the opportunity to make up the class. You will be expected to audit the rest of the class you are in or join an un-mounted class.

Riding levels are determined by the checklists used at Safety Clinic. Changes may be made to your camp choices according to the level achieved. You may find it useful to sign up for two successive skill levels (beginning & intermediate or intermediate and advanced, but not beginning and advanced).

It is highly recommended that all campers attend a ground manners session for overall safety at the camp. Riders should not attempt to ride a horse they can't handle on the ground. Parents may attend a ground session with their child and horse if space is available. Please mark the box on the registration form if you would like to join the class.

A Safety Clinic will be held on June 1st. **(Please contact Nancy if you have a conflict on this date).** It is recommended that anyone attending camp for the first

time attend. Riding level placement will be evaluated according to the checklist. Unmounted classes will also be available at that time. Most will take place by the barn. If you are not able to attend the safety clinic and are planning on riding and have not attended before, you will not be allowed to ride at camp, unless you have your checklist signed by a qualified instructor. Let me know if you cannot bring your horse to the clinic. You will get more information on the Safety clinic at a later date.

T-Shirt Design Contest Any youth attending horse camp is welcome to enter the contest for the camp T-shirt. The winner will receive a **special prize**.

Contest rules:

- Entries must be on 8X10 white paper and should reflect the spirit of Camp
- Artwork should be in black ink or black marker.
- Avoid shading as it does not print well. -The shirt will be printed in one color only.
- Include the words "Waushara County 4-H Horse Camp 2019" in the design.
- Other words or slogans can be added.
- All artwork must be the original work of the contestant.
- You may enter as many designs as you wish.
- Chose the color of the shirt and color of the wording you would like the shirt to be.
- Voting on the T-shirt design will take place at the May Horse meeting.

Bring entries to the April meeting or send them with your camp registration (Do not fold).

Camp Photos You may have photos of your child with their horse taken by a photographer at camp. You will need to sign up for them on Friday night during registration in the dorm. Cost of the photos is **\$10**. You will receive **1 5x7 and 3 4x6 including a group photo**. Anyone may buy a group photo for \$2. Photos are taken on Saturday or Sunday.

For anyone new to camp we keep the gates closed all day (safety reasons). The West gate (main gate) stays closed but not locked until 10 pm when lights out in the dorm and the North gate (by the horses) stays locked after the last horse come in on Friday night (unless an emergency). The gates will be opened between 6:30 & 8:00 for campers arriving Saturday or Sunday morning There will be signs on the gates. Only campers, people related to campers, instructors, 4-H leaders, and horse owners are allowed on the grounds all weekend with exception of Police, Emergency vehicles, or parks dept. employees. Any one else must be approved by the camp director. (Please notify the Camp Director if you see anyone that looks like they do not belong on the grounds!)

Note: For those with conflicts & campers would only be able to attend one day, please contact me. There will be a reduced fee, if you can only make Saturday or Sunday.



Horse Camp Rules:

*It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that first time campers attend the Horse Camp **Safety clinic being held June 1st at the Fair grounds** before you to attending camp.

* Mounted checklists (signed by an instructor) are used to determine your skill level & the unmounted **checklists** determine your knowledge. These can be done at any clinic/meeting in any county.

***Challenging horses** will be required to have an adult that knows the horse on grounds at all riding times for safety precautions. Any questions please ask.

***Beginning riders** will be required to have an adult on grounds at all riding times for safety precautions.

***No sandals or open toed shoes allowed when in barn or working with or around horses.**

***Stall cards** will be required on all stalls. You will need to mail them in with your registration forms. Please have all phone numbers available for emergencies.

***Evaluation forms** will be filled out on Saturday (1 day only) before you leave or Sunday at closing. Parents are encouraged to fill out their portion of the evaluation. Evaluations must be turned in before leaving camp.

*Abide by the **rules of conduct** for all 4-Hers at camp activities. The Waushara County Code of Conduct is enclosed with this packet.

*Barring illness or injury to horse or rider, campers are expected to participate in every activity of the camp including all mounted and un-mounted classes registered for.

*Owners must supply a current **proof of a negative Coggins test** before the horse can be unloaded from the trailer at Safety Clinic and Horse Camp. **Original Coggins test must be presented.** Please bring a **copy of Coggins test** for the barn manager to keep.

*Follow the **barn rules** as posted and the directions of the camp managers.

***SEI approved helmets** are required along with **½ heel hard sole boots**.

***Any camper leaving from or returning to camp must sign out and in with camp director or dorm manager. Anyone who needs to leave camp for any reason must clear it with the camp director.**

*Campers are not allowed in the barn **during meals** or **times that there are no adults present there**.

*Same for the dorm – so look at your schedule and take the items with you that you will need for your days' classes in the morning and leave them in your tack stall. (Supplies for classes, jacket, water bottle, rain coat, schedule, etc.)

*Ride in arenas only – not on the grass or the horse track, walk your horse to class & mount inside the arena – ask for a leg up if you need it.

*Have someone safety check your tack **before** you mount – We'll try to announce who is doing that at each class. Instructors can do this for you too.

*There are a lot of horses at camp so stay alert. If a horse is loose and you see it say **“Loose Horse”** to alert others and move out of the way. Do not run or try to catch it. The gates are closed and it will not get out of the fairgrounds. Have some adults go with you to catch your horse.

*Halters – **your choice in the stall**, but if you choose to take it off you need to keep a lead rope & halter tied on the door of your horses stall.

*Keep the barn isles clear! No hay bales, shovels, etc.

*No riding in the barn.

*Be careful of low clearance of the barn roof when tying on the rings out side of the barn.

***If a rider falls off their horse in your class or a horse is out of control, go to the rail, (only dismount if your horse is acting up and stand holding your horse). The arena helper & instructor will help the child & the horse.**

*Before you come to meals in the morning, lunch & supper you need to check on your horse – fill water, feed, and clean up after him or her. When you have taken care of your horse, see if anyone else in your counselor group needs help with their chores. Be patient, your counselor has to take care of her horse(s) too. **Campers without horses should be included in barn chores**. When the whole group is done the counselor will walk with her/his group past each stall to make sure chores are

finished. Anything that needs completing will be done. Then you will walk back to the food stand for your meal with your counselor. You will go to the bathroom and wash your hands. Your counselor will give you a sticker to put on your name tag to show that you have completed your chores and washed up. **Put the sticker on the paper not the plastic.** Then you can go to your meal.

***Do not sit on, climb on or jump over gates and panels.**

*Lights out both nights is 10:00pm. **No cell phone usage after this time except for Emergencies.**

*You signed a behavior agreement and we expect that you will follow it. What happens if you don't? You get to come and talk to one of the adults, depending on the rule, you may be sent home.

*You may be asked to leave a class if your horse is not cooperating for the benefit of the others in the class, if this happens check with one of the managers and they will radio me and find out where you should go.

*Driving on the fairgrounds – all state of WI driving rules are followed, including seat belts, graduated license requirements. Speed limit is 10mph maximum

*If your horse kicks at other horses, put a red ribbon on its tail & if you see a horse with a red ribbon on its tail, keep your horse away from it!

*After lunch on Sunday, you will need to finish cleaning up your share of the dorm. All cots must be taken down & put away before your class. **(You should have time in the morning, either after you get up or after breakfast to complete this).**

*Hay nets (if used) should be tied securely and at a safe height. Water buckets should be at a safe height and full of water.

*Quick release knots should be used when tying horses.