

SUMMER CAMP 2023

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is Horses4Heroes?

Horses4Heroes is a Las Vegas-based non-profit. Founded in 2006, our primary mission is to offer affordable programs with horses for those in our community whose Call of Duty is to Protect, Serve, Teach and Heal. Specifically, we serve Active Duty service members, Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Fighters/EMTs, teachers and healthcare workers. Anyone can JOIN Horses4Heroes as a FRIEND, support our non-profit and gain access to our programs for a one-time fee of \$50.

Q. Are you offering Early Bird Registration?

Yes, register between March 26 and April 1 and receive \$25 off one-week camp tuition. The credit will be given when you pay for the week you are attending. Also, for current licensed teachers, we are giving you \$25 off for each of the last two weeks of camp, Week 7 and/or Week 8.

Q. Why do I need to pay a Registration Fee?

The \$25 non-refundable registration fee secures your child's place in one week of camp. The registration fee covers the cost of supplies for each week of camp.

Q. Where can I find more information?

Attached for your review is the Summer Camp Parents Handbook, Summer Camp Checklist and other information. If, after reviewing, you have questions, please email horses4heroes@gmail.com. These documents can also be found on our website, www.horses4heroes.org, under the tab, Ranch Camps and through our new Camp App, <https://www.thesummercampsources.com/app/>.

Q. Your rates are higher this year? Why?

Yes, we have raised our rates this summer. First, the county has requested/required that we limit the number of kids who attend each week at camp. Second, like your business or household, our daily expenses, feed, grain, power bills, insurance, supplies, have gone up, a lot!

Camp is our annual and biggest fund-raiser, and we count on the funds we generate from camp to not only pay for camp operations and staffing, but to sustain operations through September, when our income is reduced due to scheduling and summer heat. Camp needs to pay for itself and support other programs, including our free Equine Assisted Learning for Veterans and First Responders, survivors of domestic abuse, violence, trauma, and trafficking, recovering addicts, at-risk youth and teens and others in our community who need a hand up, not a hand out.

Q. Do you offer Sibling Discounts?

No, we do not able to offer Sibling Discounts. It costs us the same for each child who attends camp.

Q. How can I reduce the cost of camp for my child?

The only way to receive additional discounts is through volunteering. Work as a Camp Mom for two weeks and camp is FREE for up to three kids. We are looking for one Camp Mom for every two weeks of camp. Volunteer as a Camp Leader, Skills Coach or Arts & Crafts and we'll comp at least one child, depending on how many weeks you can assist.

Q. What's the theme this year?

From High School Musical, "We're All in This Together!" We also have weekly themes, rodeo, circus, county fair, Disney.

Q. Do we register our child by age or grade?

Please register your child by the grade they are in as of the 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR. If they are in second grade, then they will be a JUNIOR regardless of their age.

Q. How much is camp this year?

Ranch Camp Tuition & Fees

Members/Military, Veterans & First Responders: \$250/week/camper

Members/Teachers & Healthcare Workers: \$275/week/camper

Members/Friends & Neighbors: \$300/week/camper

Non-Members: \$350/week/camper

Q. Do you still offer Early Drop Off and Late Pick Up?

Yes.

Early Drop Off, 7 am to 7:45 am: \$10/camper/day

Late Pick Up, 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm (Monday-Thursday): \$10 to \$20/per day/per camper

Late Pick Up, 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm Friday: \$25/camper/day

Q. What if my plans change and I register late, after the Friday cutoff?

If we have openings, we can admit you. However, this year we are charging a Late Registration Fee of \$25 for anyone who registers after the Friday before the Monday of camp. This pertains as well to returning campers who didn't notify us within the allotted time that the child wanted to attend another week of camp.

Q. Will you have the inflatable water slide this year?

Right now, we are planning the water slide for Friday, June 30 and Friday, August 24. To cover the cost of the slides, we are asking for an additional \$25 per child (siblings welcome) to play in the water slide.

Q. Are we still have pizza for lunch on Fridays?

Yes, but this year, we are providing lunch on Wednesdays. It will be cheese pizza, Port of Subs or Raising Canes. You will be notified each week.

Q. Will campers get a new camp t-shirt this year?

This year, camp Includes: Free Camp T-Shirt and Free Camp Cooling Towel, one snack per day per camper (\$5 value), **Lunch provided every Wednesday, and new this year, All Camp Showcase every Friday (parents welcome).** Also we have a new Camp App to make it easier for parents to keep up with camp and campers.

Q. How do I pay for camp and when?

Payment and Camp Check In: The **Saturday before the Monday** of the first week of camp your child is attending, we hold a **Saturday Welcome, 11 am to 1 pm**. This is your opportunity to visit the ranch, pick up your goodie bag and t-shirt and pay your tuition and fees for the coming week. If your child is attending more than one week, you can pay for additional weeks on Friday or Monday morning. You only need to come to Saturday Welcome ONCE. We accept cash, credit card or VENMO. Card processing fees are charged by the card processor, not by us. We no longer accept personal checks.

Q. I'm not sure if my child will want to attend your ranch camp? Can we visit first?

Yes! We encourage **Ranch Visits!** If you have not yet visited the Horses4Heroes Family Equestrian Center, we recommend you sign up for our weekly open house, **Stable Saturday, 9 am to 11 am**. You can register online, <https://www.active.com/orgs/horses4heroes-inc>. Admission (for children) is \$10 for military members, \$15 for members, non-military. Admission includes a horse ride, activities with mini horses and farm animals. We want to make sure our ranch is a good fit for your child and your family.

Q. Where is the ranch located?

Address: The Horses4Heroes Family Equestrian Center is located at 4975 North Miller Lane, which is one block west of Buffalo off Lone Mountain. Our entrance is around the corner off La Madre.

Q. How do I join Horses4Heroes?

Membership: If you are not yet a member, we invite you to JOIN Horses4Heroes, to ensure the lowest rates we offer. You can join at www.horses4heroes.org. You can also register to Volunteer on our website.

Q. What should my child wear to camp?

Attire: Camp T-Shirts are worn every Monday at camp. You are welcome to purchase additional T-shirts for \$10. The rest of the week, proper attire for playing outside, shorts, shirts, closed-toe shoes. The Parents Handbook has more information on acceptable camp attire.

HORSE LOVERS CAMP

Q. My child loves horses! Should I sign up for Horse Lovers Camp?

New this year is a **two-week Horses Lovers Camp**. This camp is for ages 10 to 15 (some exceptions apply) and for those who have mastered the basic horsemanship fundamentals. We are looking for campers who with minimal supervision, can catch, halter, lead, groom and saddle their horse and know the proper use of voice, hands, seat and legs. Some students have taken riding lessons, but are lacking in basic horse-handling skills. Tryouts are required before accepting your application. For those who need a tune-up, we will be offering classes on Saturday afternoons, 3 pm to 5 pm, April 15, April 22, April 29, and May 6. The cost for this class is \$50. For more information or to schedule a tryout, email horses4heroes@gmail.com.

Q. How much is Horse Lovers Camp?

Members: The cost for one, two-week camp is \$750 plus a non-refundable Registration Fee, \$50.
Non-Members: \$800 plus a \$50 registration fee.

Q. What are the hours for Horse Lovers Camp?

Horse Lovers Camp is 7 am to 2 pm, we will waive fees for early drop off and late pick up. Campers also receive one free snack per day, a camp t-shirt, camp cooling towel, and a special gift (grooming tote, duffel bag, etc.).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please email horses4heroes@gmail.com. Thanks!