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Summer Ranch Camp 2023 CHECKLIST

Welcome to Summer Ranch Camp at the Horses4Heroes Family Equestrian Center. We hope this checklist answers all your questions! Ranch Cell Phone: 702.413.8701!

HORSES4HEROES

Horses4Heroes is a Las Vegas-based non-profit, created to serve Active Duty service members, Veterans, Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Fighters/EMTs, teachers, workers and their families. Horses4Heroes owns and operates the Horses4Heroes Family Equestrian, located on a 2.5-acre ranch. We do not own the ranch, just the center, animals, equipment! If you are not a LOCAL HERO and would like to participate in our programs and support our non-profit, you can join at www.horses4heroes.org as a **Friend** for a one-time fee of **\$50**. Non-members will be charged **non-member tuition** at check in.

We appreciate your support of our non-profit and our Summer Camp and invite you to Volunteer, Participate and Donate throughout the year!

FACILITY

Address: 4975 North Miller Lane, located one block west of Buffalo off Lone Mountain. **Entrance is around the corner off La Madre.** Please park in our lot. No street parking. Watch for children, drive slowly when entering or leaving the ranch! **Speed limit in our neighborhood is 25 mph.** Please respect our neighbors and our rural neighborhood. Please approach the ranch from CONOUGH LANE, one block west of Miller, then turn right on La Madre. We are trying to reduce traffic on Miller Lane.

CAMP DETAILS

HOURS

Camp is Monday-Friday, 8 am to 2 pm. Rotations start at 8:30 and end by 11:45. Each rotation is 45 minutes. If you are late, your child may miss an activity and there are no make-ups. Horse Lovers Camp is 7 am to 2 pm.

Arrival Time: Please arrive and check in between 8 am and 8:15 am. Camp will start at 8:15 AM. If you need to drop off between 7 am and 7:45, it's an additional \$10 per camper per day. You can add Early Drop Off or Late Pick Up when you register or you can let us know at check in.

Pick Up Time: Camp is over at 2 pm and pick up is between 2 pm and 2:30. Unless we have told you otherwise, please do not arrive before 1:45 as we have games that might involve children running around the ranch. Late Pick Up is 2:30 to 5:00 pm, \$20 extra per camper per day. If you are running late and can't make it by 2 or 5 pm, please call/text 702.413.8701. Friday, Late Pick Up is \$25.

FEES

Payment: Payment is due the Saturday before the Monday of the week of camp or session you are attending. We don't accept advance payment. **We accept cash, credit card or VENMO.** We are no longer able to accept personal checks. Credit cards are charged fees by the processor not by Horses4Heroes.

Registration Fee: When you registered, you paid a **\$25 NON REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE.** This fee allows us to purchase supplies, t-shirts, and equipment for camp and to protect us from no shows. This fee is charged per week per camper and helps us cover the costs of running our camp. One snack per day (\$5 value) is included in the registration fee.

Camp Tuition (Members/Non-Members)

Ranch Camp

Grades Pre-K – 7th Grade (Current school year, 2022-2023)

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

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

Members/Friends: \$300/week/camper

Non-Members: \$350/week/camper

Horse Lovers Camp

Members: \$750 per two-week session + \$50 registration fee

Non-Members: \$800 per two-week session + \$50 registration fee

Ages 10 to 15; Tryouts required, email horses4heroes@gmail.com to book a tryout

Early Drop Off, 7 am to 7:45 am: \$10 per day, per camper (waived for Horse Lovers Camp)

Extended Camp, 2:30 to 5:00 pm: \$10 to 20 per day per camper; Friday, \$25 (waived for Horse Lovers Camp)

Snack Barn: Optional, \$1 to \$2 per camper per day (Snacks are \$1 each). Campers already receive one snack per day included in the Registration Fee (maximum three snacks from the Snack Barn per day/camper).

Counselor Tip: \$5 per week per camper (helps us cover the cost of our volunteer student counselors)

LUNCH & MORNING SNACK

Lunch & Morning Snack: Please send your child with a lunch and a morning snack. For the morning snack, we prefer a nutritious snack, breakfast bar, granola bar, fruit, etc. **The morning snack should be contained in a marked Zip Lock bag and handed over at check in.** We will deliver the campers their snacks during their 10 AM rotation.

Wednesday, we provide lunch. It will be cheese pizza, Raising Canes and/or Port of Subs sandwiches. You will be notified each week.

ACTIVITIES

All activities, except Arts & Crafts, are outdoors. The campers are only in direct sunlight when they are in the Arena or Round Pen. Stations have shade, misters, and/or fans. The Heat of the Day in Las Vegas is typically around 4 pm. All rotations are completed by Noon.

Each camp has an **ADULT LEAD** that will be responsible for the activities for the day. Our supervision ratio is an average of 1:5 for Juniors (ages 4 ½ to 7) and 1 to 10 for Seniors (ages 8 to 12). High School and College Student Volunteer Counselors are at camp to facilitate the camp experience.

Our camp is a **Ranch Camp**, not a horse camp. There are FOUR rotations during camp. Daily activities will include Horses and Horse 101, Archery, Fencing, Martial Arts, Arts & Crafts, and team building.

Monday will always be an introduction for new campers and a review for returning campers. There is NO RIDING on Mondays. **Friday parents are invited to our All Camp Showcase, where campers will show us what they have learned.** We expect to see progress from Monday-Friday and retention for returning campers. How much the camper learns, and progresses will depend on the camper!

Horseback Riding: Yes, all campers will ride! Ranch Campers will ride Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They will learn horsemanship, horse care and they will have the opportunity to ride. We have helmets, but we always recommend campers to bring their own, if they have one. Only Equestrian rated helmets are permitted.

All Camp Showcase: Each Friday, the campers will present to parents a showcase of what they learned this week. It will vary from week to week. More information will be provided during camp. Parents, family members are welcome to attend.

WEATHER

Camp is weatherproof! Only under extremely rare circumstances, we will cancel camp due to weather. Rest assured that your child's safety is our number one priority and concern. We will adjust our schedule if necessary. If we see lightening, we will assume Lightening Protocols, until the danger has passed. There are no refunds if your child chooses to not attend camp due to weather.

EVACUATION PLAN

Posted around the ranch are evacuation plans. This is included in the counselor training, as well.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

The **\$25 Summer Camp registration fee is non-refundable.** We use these funds to purchase supplies, games, arts and crafts, and equipment for camp. You will pay for camp Saturday before the Monday of the week you are attending. Should the camper get sick or injured before the start of camp Monday morning, we will issue a Camp Credit and you have until 12/31/23 to use the funds. **If the child attends camp and decides not to return, there are no refunds or credits. If the child is excused for behavior problems, there is no refund or credit.** Our Summer Camp is a fund-raiser for our non-profit and we depend upon the funds from camp to sustain and support operations including feeding our animals and horses. ***Our camp is not for everyone. We encourage you to make time to visit the ranch before the start of camp to make sure we are a good fit for you and your family.***

ATTIRE

Attire: Campers should be dressed ready to play. Cowboy boots are not necessary. Closed toe shoes are best (no crocs). Please follow CCSD dress code standards. No Short-Shorts, spaghetti straps, midriff tops, baggy, torn or ripped jeans, sweats, skirts, skorts, or dresses. Campers will get dirty so please plan accordingly.

Camp T-Shirts: Summer Camp 2023 t-shirts are worn on Mondays. This is your uniform for the day. Please do not play fashion designer with our Camp T-Shirt!

NO VALUABLES AT CAMP

No Screens! Our camp is a **NO PHONE ZONE.** Absolutely no phones, tablets, Apple Watches, devices of any kind. No valuables, no money, cash. If you need to reach your child for any reason, you can text the camp office and we will get your child. **Ranch Cell Phone is 702.413.8701. Phones will be taken away and returned to the adult at pick up.**

CAMP BEHAVIOR/SICK CHILD POLICY

☐ Behavior: Children are expected to listen, follow directions, respect our rules, our counselors, staff, and volunteers. Our camp is structured with rotations. Campers are expected to support one another, be encouraging, and trust that all are doing their best. We do not tolerate hitting, touching, or any aggressive behavior at all, toward campers, staff, or animals. Campers who misbehave and don't follow our rules we receive a warning. Campers have been sent home for disruptive behavior. **New this year is our Camper Code of Conduct and Parent Participation Agreement. We ask for a signed copy before camp starts.**

☐ Sick Child Policy: If your child is sick, has a stomachache, runny nose, cough, or fever, please leave him/her at home. If your child exhibits symptoms during camp, we will evaluate the situation and call home if necessary. A fever is an automatic call for pick up. Sometimes kids fake a stomachache to get out of an activity or because they want to go home. We will evaluate the situation and use our good judgment, based on 14+ years' experience running camp and working with kids!

LET'S GET SOCIAL

☐ We are on Social Media. We expect to exceed your expectations! If at any time you have questions, suggestions, or concerns, please discuss with our Camp Director and Horses4Heroes Founder, Sydney Knott, or our Camp Administrator, Alex Hudson. We welcome the opportunity to make your time at camp even better!

☐ Photographs: Our Camp Photographer will be taking pictures throughout the week, and we will be uploading photos to a secure site. We will work hard to take pictures of your kids participating in activities throughout the week. Let us know if you have any special requests and/or any concerns about photography. Check the Summer Camp section on our website for updates and more information.

☐ Questions: Please review the Parents Handbook. If you have any questions, please email horses4heroes@gmail.com or text Sydney Knott at **702.413.8701**.

☐ Donations are always welcome to keep our camps affordable! Donate here now: <https://giv.li/dgbh8a>

Thank you and welcome to Summer Camp 2023!

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