

Somervell County Horse Camp



June 3, 4 & 5, 2013



What is Horse Camp?

This hands-on camp conducted by collegiate and professional horseman teaches functional horsemanship and improves horse training skills. **Any youth ages 9-18 can participate.** Each child must have their own horse; most of the instruction time is spent on horseback.

Location:

Somervell County Expo Center
(This is an excellent facility including stalls and 2 fully enclosed arenas and an open air covered arena. Meal areas and designated sleeping areas are air conditioned.)

You need to bring:

- A good attitude and willingness to work hard and learn!
- Your own horse & tack
- A swimsuit
- Bedding/Cot/Pillow
- Toiletries/personal care items
- Riding clothes & dance clothes (4-H dress code in effect)
- A chaperone/person designated to help you during camp with your horse or any emergencies.

Cost:

Somervell County residents—\$130

Out of County participants—\$180

\$150/\$200 for late registration

(*\$25 non-refundable)

What's included in the cost:

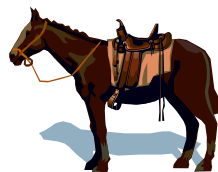
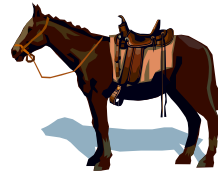
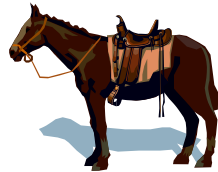
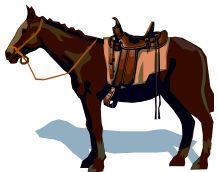
3 days of instruction, all meals, overnight lodging, 1 stall and 1 bag of shavings. More stalls & shavings can be purchased for an additional cost.

There will not be **any** refunds given to persons canceling reservations after **May 10, 2013.** *

It is highly recommended that participants of horse camp stay on premises at night to partake in the whole camping experience; this is for their safety and to help out our overnight chaperones.

Please **mail enrollment form, camp fees and release form** to the Somervell County Extension Office by May 10, 2013.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
P.O. Box 895
Glen Rose, TX 76043
(254) 897-2809



Enrollment is limited to the first 60 participants. A waiting list will be created after that.

Check in will be Monday, June 3, 2013 from 8:30-9:30a with instruction beginning promptly at 10:00a.

Camp concludes at approximately 4:00p on June 5.

Parents are welcome to stay and camp. A meal fee of \$35 for the camp is available for anyone wanting to stay and eat at camp.

Horse Camp is offered at an opportune time for 4-Hers to sharpen their skills before the District 4-H Horse Shows, we feel fortunate that we are able to offer this educational experience to 4-H members in such a timely fashion.

Please fill out and return the enclosed forms by May 10 if you are planning to enroll in the camp. For more information, call the Somervell County Extension Office at (254) 897-2809.

For people arriving on Sunday:

If you are arriving on Sunday and want to stall your horse at the Expo, check in will be from 5-7pm only. No exceptions. You will need to indicate to us that you plan to arrive on Sunday.

Mustang Demonstration

-June 5th at 1pm, parents and the community are invited to attend the presentation of outstanding horsemen who attended horse camp also followed by Bobby Kerr, "A Road to the Horse" a mustang demo who was voted fan favorite at the 2012 Mustang Challenge.

All participants must provide proof of negative Coggins at check in.

No exceptions.

Note: The Expo Center has added several new RV sites, if you are interested and need to make a reservation, please call them at 254-897-4509.

Shawn Davis
CEA-Ag/Nr
Somervell County

Brianne Langdon
CEA-FCS
Somervell County

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid, service or accommodations in order to participate in the 4-H program should contact the Somervell County Office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension service at (254) 897-2809.

SOMERVELL COUNTY 4-H HORSE CAMP



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Youth Registration Form

Pre-registration Deadline: May 10, 2013

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male Female

Email Address: _____

Please check category of your riding experience: Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Will you (youth) be staying in the camps designated sleeping area or offsite (trailer, hotel, etc.)

Circle one: yes offsite

Name & phone number of chaperone or parent that will be present: _____

Sunday Arrival (circle one): yes no

1 stall & 1 bag of shavings are included with the cost of camp. Additional/tack stalls are \$12.00 per night per stall.

Somervell County Resident: \$130

Out of County: \$180

Make Checks payable to: **Glen Rose 4-H Club**

Total Youth: _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____

Total Stall Cost:

_____ additional stalls x _____ nights x \$12 = \$ _____

Total Adult Meal Plans: _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Total \$ Enclosed: \$ _____

Return this form along with camp fee and release form by
May 10, 2013 to:

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For more information call:

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Adult/Chaperone Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sex: (circle) Male or Female

Name of Youth(s) you are chaperoning:

Will you be eating meals with the camp for \$35? (circle) yes no

Will you be staying overnight in the designated camp sleeping area? (circle) yes or no

If you will be sleeping on site, are you a currently screened through the Youth Protection Standards Program through your local county 4-H? (circle) yes or no

If yes, what county? _____

If no, please fill out the attached Volunteer Application Form and return with your registration form.

There will be a \$10 processing fee to screen all adults that are not currently screened.

The purpose of the Youth Protection Standards program is to provide a safe and secure environment for youth and adults involved in Extension programs, implementation of best practices related to management of volunteer service risk, protect the image and integrity of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and its associated groups. In order to serve as a volunteer, **all potential volunteers who have direct, face to face contact with youth, must be screened through Youth Protection Standards Program.** The criminal background check conducted is a national search of 48 jurisdictions, in addition to state and national sex offender lists.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION

WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, AND MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

1. **EXCULPATORY CLAUSE.** In consideration for receiving permission for _____'s participation in any and all activities of **Somervell County 4-H Horse Camp** (herein referred to as "camp"), which is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Somervell County, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Summer Horsemanship School Program, Somervell County 4-H, (herein referred to as "sponsor"), I hereby release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes sponsor, The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents for The Texas A&M University System, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, Texas A&M University, Somervell County Extension & Somervell County 4-H, and their members, officers, servants, agents, volunteers, or employees (herein referred to as RELEASEES or INDEMNITEES) from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me/my child while participating in such activity, while traveling to and from the activity, or while on the premises owned or leased by RELEASEES, **including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of RELEASEES.** I understand this waiver does not apply to injuries caused by intentional or grossly negligent conduct.

2. **INDEMNITY CLAUSE.** I am fully aware that there are inherent risks to my child, myself and others involved with this activity, including but not limited to: (1) The tendency of an animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or even death to persons on or around them; (2) The unpredictability of an animal's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; (3) Certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; and (4) Collisions and contact with other animals or objects. I choose to voluntarily participate/allow my child to participate in said activity with full knowledge that the activity may be hazardous to me, my child and my property, and to the person and property of others. Releasers voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by the participant or any loss of damaged property owned by them, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, whether caused by the negligence of releases or otherwise. I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities. I know of no medical reason why I/my child should not participate. **I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES** from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, which may occur to myself, my child, other participants, and third-persons as a result of my/my child's participation in said activity, **including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of INDEMNITEES.**

3. **NO INSURANCE.** I understand that RELEASEES may or may not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my/my child's participation in this activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage. Organization may not carry general liability insurance to cover claims arising from this activity so it seeks a waiver of claims as additional consideration for the right to participate so organization, can (a) provide the activity at the lowest possible cost to participants; and (b) provide access to a greater number of participants by expending limited resources on program materials rather than on liability insurance.

4. **BINDS HEIRS.** It is my express intent that this agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

5. **MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION, INDEMNITY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES, and WAIVER.** I understand RELEASEES cannot be expected to control all of the risks articulated in this form and RELEASEES may need to respond to accidents and potential emergency situations. Therefore, I hereby give my consent for any medical treatment that may be required, as determined by a medical professional at the medical facility, during my/my child's participation in this activity with the understanding that the cost of any such treatment will be my responsibility. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES for any costs incurred to treat me/my child, even if an INDEMNITEE has signed hospital documentation promising to pay for the treatment due to my inability to sign the documentation. I further agree to release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes, RELEASEES from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me/my child while receiving medical care or in deciding to seek medical care, including while traveling to and from a medical care facility, **including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of RELEASEES.** I understand this waiver does not apply to injuries caused by intentional or grossly negligent conduct.

6. Releasers have read the attached "Safety Considerations," understand then, and agree to comply with them fully.

7. **VOLUNTARY SIGNATURE.** In signing this agreement I acknowledge and represent that I have read it, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; sponsor has not made and I have not relied on any oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the terms contained in this agreement. I execute this document for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same, now and in the future. I understand I can choose not to sign this document and free myself and my child from its terms and the associated risks of the activity by simply not participating in the activity and choosing some other activity available to me/my child that has a lower level of risk to myself and my child. I further understand this is a voluntary, extracurricular activity. While I understand alternative activities are available to me/my child that do not have the risks associated with this activity I still desire to voluntarily engage/permit my child to engage in this activity.

Participant Signature _____

Date _____

Participant Printed Name _____

Participant Date of Birth _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone _____

or _____

Phone _____

or _____

Phone _____

If the participant has medical insurance, please indicate:

Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

Name of Primary Policy Holder _____

Please list any special services your child may require: _____

Safety Considerations

For all participants and parents or guardians of participants at the 2013 Summer Horsemanship Schools.

1) Parents or guardians are expected to ensure that their child or children attend the school on a horse that can reasonably be relied upon to be safe for that rider and safe around other people and horses. Please use reasonable care in matching horse and rider.

2) Horses with a known history of bucking, rearing, falling, kicking, running away, biting and any other serious behavioral problem should not be brought to the school.

3) Use reasonable care to provide safe tack and equipment.

a. Check before the school to be sure saddle blankets are somewhat clean and free of anything that could irritate the horse.

b. Be sure the saddle fits the horse and rider. Check all girths, cinches, latigo straps, breast collars, fender straps, etc. to replace any worn or potentially dangerous equipment.

c. Be sure the bridle (headstall, bit, chin strap, etc.) fits the horse, is free of worn materials and that this equipment allows the rider to adequately control the horse at all times.

d. Check stirrups to be sure they fit the rider's foot. Overly large stirrups that allow a boot to go all the way through a stirrup present a serious safety hazard, as do extremely small stirrups that could bind the rider's foot and boot. A large stirrup, even if let down below a rider's foot, is still very dangerous. An inexperienced rider, trying to ride without stirrups, could slip off and get a foot caught in a dangling stirrup.

e. For young and/or inexperienced riders, saddles should be free of anything tied on hard and fast, such as a lariat rope, or halter and lead rope that could allow a rider to become entangled while riding, mounting or dismounting. If a youngster wishes to carry a rope on the saddle, that is certainly acceptable, provided it is tied with a breakable string or band that will guarantee it will break loose.

4) All participants must wear boots or English style jodhpur riding shoes. **Tennis shoes cannot be worn when riding.**

5) The use of protective headgear is acceptable and encouraged, and is the optional choice of the participant. If protective headgear is worn, ASTM/SEI helmets are recommended. It is the responsibility of the rider and the parent or guardian to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrians' use, and that the headgear is properly fitted and in good condition. The instructors are not responsible for checking that headgear worn is in compliance. The Summer Horsemanship school program, Texas AgriLife Extension, its faculty, staff, employees and instructors, make no representation on warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and caution riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risks and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.

6) Participants should wear clothing appropriate for riding and that will provide protection from weather conditions such as sun and heat.

7) Parents or guardians and/or volunteer leaders should be on hand to assist youth riders when not actually involved in a session. Many young riders will need some assistance at breaks and at other times throughout the day with such things as:

- a. Saddling and bridling
- b. Mounting and dismounting
- c. Haltering, watering and tying horses up
- d. Holding a horse momentarily

8) When riding, standing, or leading a horse around or with other horses, always maintain plenty of space between your horse and other horses. Always maintain at least one horse length, and more if possible, between your horse and others.

9) When going into the riding area or leaving the riding area, please be careful. Horses should always be in the rider's control. For this reason, please walk your horse when leaving a riding session (ex. during a break) or dismount and lead out. This is the optional choice of the participant.

10) During the horsemanship school, all participants will have an opportunity to practice a variety of drills, maneuvers and exercises. Some participants may feel uncomfortable with a certain drill, maneuver or exercise. If at any time, a rider feels unsafe, scared, confused or in danger, that rider is expected to:

- a. Communicate with the instructor and request that they not attempt the particular drill, maneuver or exercise.
- b. Make their own decision about whether or not to continue the remaining part of a particular drill, maneuver or exercise.

Instructors will work to help all riders improve their horsemanship abilities and the performance capabilities of the horses. Instructors will continually strive to create and maintain as safe of an environment as is possible regarding drills, maneuvers or exercises. However, each participant is expected to employ items 10a and 10b above. All participants are attending the horsemanship school of their own free will. Instructors will expect and encourage all participants to actively participate to the extent that a participant feels capable and willing from a safety standpoint.

The purpose of the horsemanship schools are to help riders learn-by-doing and also to have fun, while interacting with others of similar interest. There are certain inherent risks associated with any equine activity. All participants must recognize that there are certain dangers that exist when riding or being around horses. Safety is important, and with every person's help the horsemanship school can be a positive, rewarding experience for everybody in attendance.

Texas Equine Liability Law

The Texas Legislature passed a liability law, effective September 1, 1995. The law defines terms associated with equine activities and the people involved and includes a warning. It also requires that a sign stating the warning be posted in a clearly visible location where equine activities take place. Post this sign at all locations where 4-H riding practices and competitive events are to be held.

Warning

Under Texas law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities.

**TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
-3-DAY HORSEMANSHIP SCHOOL-**

These schools are designed as day schools with instruction from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. The below schedule can be altered to some degree for local situations and still achieve the same results. However, late night riding before an early morning session is too exhausting to be productive.

First Day

A.M. Introduction of Horse Program Assistants by Agent

Opening comments by the Horse Program Assistants (objectives, goals, summarize topics to be covered)

Ride in Groups (Emphasis on adjustment of equipment; safety; correct use of a body, leg and rein aids; stopping; functional horsemanship)

P.M. Bits and Biting Lecture/Demonstration (Types of bits to use and how they work; achieving lateral and vertical flexion)

Ride in Groups (Emphasis on teaching horse to respond to bit pressure; getting direction; gait transitions)

Second Day

A.M. Training Maneuvers Lecture/Demonstration (Suppleness exercises; leads; circle; backing)

Ride in Groups (Emphasis on collection, two-track, side pass, leads and circles)

P.M. Horse Theft Awareness and Prevention - 15 Steps

Advanced Maneuvers Lecture/Demonstration (Developing turn-arounds/spins and lead changes)

Ride in Groups (Practice training maneuvers and advanced maneuvers.)

Third Day

A.M. Short Review of Maneuvers

Ride in Groups (Emphasis placed on individual problems and solutions)

P.M. Showmanship at Halter Lecture/Demonstration (Emphasizing safety from the ground, ground training for leading, turning around, etc.)

Specialized Event Clinics - 1-2 hour specialty sessions with in-depth instructions on events as requested

Western Pleasure	Barrel Racing
Western Horsemanship	Trail
Reining	
*Hunter Under Saddle/Hunt Seat Equitation	

* May be offered depending on interest