

## Niagara County 4-H Horse Camp

**Purpose:** The Niagara County 4-H Horse camps are meant as a learning opportunity for 4-H youth and their horses. Training of both the youth and the horse will be the main goal, along with providing equine educational information for the youth. Youth not interested in expanding their equine knowledge and skills should not apply.

### Rules:

1. You are responsible for the care of your own horse while at camp (feeding, grooming, stall cleaning, etc.). If you are going to be away from camp for sometime, you must make arrangements with another team member to take care of your horse.
2. NO riding in the barn. You must mount outside of the barn or in the ring.
3. NO cantering outside of the ring.
4. NO riding outside of the horse area.
5. NO riding bareback, double or without a bridle. Miniature Horses are NOT to be ridden.
6. Helmets and riding boots must be worn while mounted or working with your horse.
7. NO FLIP FLOPS allowed when working with horses. This includes during morning feeding, stall cleaning, tacking up to ride or "just" holding a horse for a friend.
8. All campers MUST participate in all organized activities and instruction unless special permission is given to skip or substitute an activity.
9. Only paid campers and approved counselors are allowed at camp.
10. Campers may leave and go home with a parent at any time, but must notify a counselor before they leave and tell us when they plan to return. If you plan on leaving the grounds with anyone other than your parent, your parent must notify a camp counselor to be sure that you have permission.
11. CELL PHONES: may be used during down time, in stalls or for an emergency, NOT during lessons or instruction time. Phones are NOT to be used after lights out. Plus, all of the counselors have cell phones and you may use them at any time to contact your parents.
12. The instructors and speakers are giving their valuable time to help you learn. Please be respectful and pay attention.

13. If you need to use the bathroom after dark, you must go with a counselor. During the day, anyone under 15 years of age will need a partner. NO solo trips to the bathroom, esp. after dark!
14. NO water wars, water balloon fights or squirting other campers with the hose.
15. Please leave valuable and sentimental items at home. They have a habit of making their way into stalls and being crushed during horse camp.
16. For anyone staying overnight: lights will be turned out at 10 PM (and talking will stop). Campers will be expected to wake or arrive at 7 AM each day.
17. We feed horses breakfast at 7 AM each day. DO NOT feed your horse before this as once one horse is fed, they all start making noise.
18. Any unruly or dangerous horses will be removed from the camp. This will be determined by the county 4-H Equine Key leader and the camp staff.
19. Campers who do not follow the rules will be asked to leave camp early and not be eligible to participate the following year.

**Campers Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Equine Owner's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_