

# Your #BESTWEEK of the Summer is on a Horse at Village Creek!

Campers ages 10 and up will develop their horsemanship skills and grow their love of horses as they enjoy arena instruction, games on horseback, trail rides, and other great activities prepared just for them according to their level of experience and skill.

Campers will also have chapel sessions and participate in other camp activities. Possibilities include swimming, archery, crafts, and other activities that they can choose.

Each week concludes with a Saturday morning program where campers will demonstrate what they have learned in a horse show at the arena. (Home School Horsemanship concludes Friday evening.)

Parents, family, and friends are invited to attend.  
The program will begin at 9:30AM.



Join Head Wrangler Erika Metroka for a Horsemanship Camp you won't forget! She has a background in Equine Science and 13 years of experience before VCBC in training horses and teaching kids to ride. She's excited to share her passion for Christ and His amazing creatures with the campers.

More info and register at:  
**villagecreek.net**

Sibling Discount: If more than one camper from a family attends, regardless of the Youth or Horsemanship Camp, each camper will receive a discount of \$25.

Multiple Session Discount: Attend more than one Youth or Horsemanship Session and receive \$50 off the second camp.



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# Horsemanship Camps



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# CHOOSE THE BEST HORSE EXPERIENCE FOR YOU!

## 2026 Sessions

Register or Postmark  
By Mar 12 By Apr 30 After May 1

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|---------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Homeschool Horsemanship 1<br><i>Western</i> | May 10-15      | Level 1 & 2           | \$498  | \$518  | \$538  |
| Homeschool Horsemanship 2<br><i>Western</i> | May 17-22      | Level 1 & 3A          | \$498  | \$518  | \$538  |
| Session 1<br><i>Western or English</i>      | May 31-June 6  | Level 1               | \$588  | \$608  | \$628  |
| Session 2<br><i>Western</i>                 | June 7-13      | Level 2               | \$588  | \$608  | \$628  |
| Barrel Racing Camp                          | June 7-13      | Level 2 preferred     | \$588  | \$608  | \$628  |
| Session 3- two weeks<br><i>Western</i>      | June 21-July 4 | two weeks Level 3A&B^ | \$1132 | \$1152 | \$1172 |
| Session 4<br><i>Western or English</i>      | July 12-18     | Level 1               | \$588  | \$608  | \$628  |
| Session 5<br><i>Western</i>                 | July 19-25     | Level 2               | \$588  | \$608  | \$628  |
| Session 6<br><i>Western or English</i>      | July 26-Aug 1  | Level 1               | \$588  | \$608  | \$628  |
| Session 7<br><i>Western</i>                 | August 2-8     | Level 3B^             | \$618  | \$638  | \$658  |
| Session 8<br><i>Western</i>                 | August 9-15    | Level 2               | \$588  | \$608  | \$628  |

Horsemanship camp is for campers looking to have a fun, exciting, hands-on week experiencing horses. Students will spend time learning to ride and care for horses from our knowledgeable and caring staff. We offer three different levels of horsemanship to help campers begin at the appropriate level and then develop further. These levels often take more than one year to complete.

**Level 1** - Ages 10 and up  
Campers will learn the basics of horse handling and riding, working toward being able to safely and confidently control their horse. Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) based curriculum, games on horseback, trail rides, and preparing an introductory drill routine offer campers fun experiences to develop their skills. CHA Level 1 certification may be earned.

\*Level 1 Camps are offered primarily in Western Riding. In each Level 1 there are four openings for those who wish to pursue English Riding. It is considered “pre-jumping” camp. Level 1 English will be a prerequisite for Jumping Camps offered in the future.

**Level 2\*** - Ages 12 and up  
Campers build upon their Level 1 experiences as they become confident controlling their horse at a trot and learn the basics of the canter. Intermediate-level games, trail rides, arena instruction, and preparing a group drill routine help students work toward CHA Level 2 certification in a fun and caring environment. CHA Level 2 Certification may be earned.

**Level 3\*^**  
Advanced riders build upon their CHA Level 1 & 2 knowledge and skills as they learn more about cantering, leg and rein cues, and smooth transitions. Advanced games, activities, and trail rides will test and expand campers’ riding ability and love of horses.

Level 3 Horsemanship Camps are split into 3A and 3B. They can be taken together (Session 3 - two weeks) or separately (2026 will offer 3B in Session 7 - one week camp). Campers who have passed level two are eligible for any of the Level 3 Camps; Level 3A is not a prerequisite for Level 3B as it is different material. Level 3A will focus on more detailed leg and rein cues, while Level 3B will focus on arena figures and transitions. The sessions will all include practicing the advanced materials, and preparing an advanced drill routine for Saturday morning.

**Homeschool Horsemanship Camp**  
If you love horses and are homeschooled, this is the camp for you! Specifically designed for homeschoolers age 10 and older, this week includes teachings, chapel content, and a schedule all prepared with your needs in mind. The mid-May timing of this camp and its smaller size (twenty campers) offers a great chance to get to know others with similar backgrounds as well.

This camp concludes with a Friday evening program (4:30pm) where campers will demonstrate what they have learned in a horse show at the arena. Parents, family, and friends are invited to attend.

\*Campers who have not previously attended a VCBC Horsemanship Camp but have received prior riding instruction and have an interest in attending a Level 2 or Level 3 Camp should email [camp@villagecreek.net](mailto:camp@villagecreek.net) before registering.



### Barrel Racing Camp

Riders 12 and up who want to take their riding to the next level and enjoy VCBC’s newest adventure - this camp is for you!

Join Barrel Racer and Horse Trainer Caroline Soriano for a week of learning to ride fast and chase barrels. Some Level 2 or higher is beneficial.

