

# CAMP FITCH HORSEBACK RIDING

ALL CAMPERS MUST HAVE A SIGNED FORM EVEN IF THEY AREN'T RIDING

PARENTS/GUARDIANS Please read the following information then fill out the waiver below. Waiver should be sent to camp along with the other forms before camper is due to attend .

## HORSEBACK RIDING FAQ

? WHAT CAN MY CHILD DO AT THE CAMP FITCH HORSE STABLES?

**Our Horse Program has 3 parts:**

1. Campers 10 and under can take a staff led pony ride.
2. Campers 8 and up can take Horsemanship Lessons. Choices are a 3 day lesson course for \$25 or a 5 day lesson course for \$40. Both lesson courses may include a trail ride. Lessons are recommended if child has *never* ridden a horse before.
3. Campers 8 and up can also take Trail Rides. Trail rides are 45 min to 1 hr and are \$10 per ride. On a trail ride, the camper is responsible for leading the horse. There are 2 staff members on each trail ride. We recommend children 10 and under have formal lessons before attempting a trail ride.

? CAN MY CHILD TAKE HORSE LESSONS AND DO TRAIL RIDES?

YES! In fact, most campers signed up for lessons **want** to take extra trail rides.

? HOW DO I PAY FOR THE HORSE PROGRAM?

Money to cover horse charges should be added to the camper's spending account. Please note that the Horse Staff are NOT aware of how much money is in your child's account. They will let your child do what is indicated below.

? MY CHILD ISN'T SURE ABOUT HORSE LESSONS, CAN HE/SHE DECIDE AT CAMP?

Yes, make sure you indicate below that lessons are optional. Please note that if the child starts but doesn't finish the lessons, they WILL be charged for the full course

? CAN I MAKE IT MANDATORY THAT MY CHILD ATTEND HORSE LESSONS?

Yes, just make sure that you indicate below that your child MUST take the lessons and we will make sure your child participates in the lesson course indicated (3 day or 5 day)

? I SIGNED MY CHILD UP FOR 3 TRAIL RIDES, HOW DO THEY TAKE THEM?

Every day at breakfast and lunch, the Horse Staff remind all campers that Horse Trail Ride sign-ups are after the meal. Your child is charged \$10 as soon as they tell the Horse Staff when they would like to ride. Since rides are scheduled ahead of time, if your child doesn't show up, is too late, or is dressed improperly, they will still be charged for the ride.

## CAMP FITCH HORSEBACK RIDING PERMISSION AND WAIVER

LONG PANTS AND CLOSED TOE SHOES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL HORSE PROGRAMS

CAMPER NAME

AGE

DATES ATTENDING

Being the parent and/or guardian of above minor and having full right to do so, I hereby agree to allow said minor to participate in horse related activities at Camp Fitch as indicated below:

- My child is NOT ALLOWED to participate in any horse program.
- At this time, my child has no interest in any horse program but has my permission to use his/her discretion if he/she decides otherwise while at camp.
- My child would like to take Horsemanship Lessons.     3 Day Lessons     5 Day Lessons
- My child would like to take trail rides and has my permission to take up to # \_\_\_\_\_.

My child MUST take these lessons Y/N

If camper wishes to alter any part of the waiver, please indicate who Camp Fitch should contact for permission:

Adult Name

Daytime Phone Number

I understand that my signature on this Release is a condition of your permitting my child to participate. I recognize that horseback riding and trail riding may be hazardous. I hereby waive, release, and discharge Camp Fitch, the YMCA, instructors, personnel, and agents from any and all claims resulting from injury or loss as a result of such participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date