

## Summer Camp at First Choice Riding Academy

Thank you for your inquiry about summer camp at First Choice Riding Academy. We are in for yet another great year!! We have plans that will make any horse lover jump for joy. We are really excited about our overnight camp this year! Some weeks will run concurrent with the day camp while others will have super focus that will require 100% focus on the overnights.

This year campers will be learning not only what goes into routine care for a horse, but also to note health issues, personality issues and how to manage them, and the daily expectations for horse ownership. The kids will have one mounted session during the day in lesson format with fun “extras” such as, but not limited to, games, bareback, trail riding, and showing.

There is a schedule attached to show what the kids will be doing daily. Campers will have expectations based on their knowledge, and age, as well as experience. They will learn about many aspects of horsemanship. The kids will participate in physical activities that will help with riding and position control. The afternoon includes a free choice time where the kids can choose how to spend a couple of hours. There will be a few supervised activities that range from quiet and personal with a horse, such as grazing, to grooming, to swimming in the pool, to crafting mementos from their time at camp. The kids will have group practicals such as learning to bathe and braid a horse as we do for preparation for horse shows. They will also have fun painting the horses for special photo opportunities! If you have a camper who needs the quiet time of a book at times, we have a small library of books that are available to the campers during the camp hours. Overnight campers will not only feel what it is like to live on a working horse farm but they will get to have a night ride, and spend every waking hour thinking about and working with horses and horse “things.”

We are excited to bring your camper’s riding ability along and hopefully sharpen some of their skills, as well as develop new skills. This camp offers something for everyone, and we sure do hope to see your camper at one or many of our week long sessions.

Please see our website, [www.firstchoiceridingacademy.com](http://www.firstchoiceridingacademy.com), for more information and this year’s schedule. Camp runs from 9-4 daily. We have a half day option (9-1) available as well, although that option was often opted out of last year, none of the kids wanted to leave at 1! If you choose that in advance of the start of camp you can expect a \$50 discount. Please let us know if you have a need for your child to stay late as we can arrange that if need be on a private basis. Daycamp fees are \$425 per week. In order to hold a spot for your camper, we ask for a \$200 nonrefundable deposit. If you have paid the deposit you are welcome to simply pay the remainder \$225 on the first day of their session of camp. Overnight camp fees are based on a few bits of information as directed on that sheet. Again, a \$200 deposit will hold the camper’s spot and if they need a horse a \$100 deposit will assure them of the horse.

If you still have questions you may either email Heidi at [heidi@firstchoiceridingacademy.com](mailto:heidi@firstchoiceridingacademy.com) or call the farm at 603-632-1011. We hope to help you in any and all ways! Please spread the word to friends as it is extra special to go to camp with a buddy!!

Sincerely,

Heidi and the whole camp crew.