

Briar Cottage Summer Camp at Spring Hollow Farm Sign Up

Campers must be between 6 and 18 years of age.

Camp offers three sessions with each session aimed at specific levels, and also building upon the previous session. Please circle the session(s) for which you wish to enroll.

June

10th-14th: Horses & Art - Introductory session for beginning riders; days split between riding, and arts & crafts.

17th-21st: Horse Mastership 1 – Independent riding and care

24th-28th: Horse Mastership 2 – Building upon session 1, advanced beginner and intermediate riders

July

8th-12th: Horses & Art, Introductory session for beginning riders. The day is split between riding, and arts and crafts.

15th-19th: Horse Mastership 1 – Independent riding and care

22nd-26th: Horse Mastership 2 – Building upon session 1, advanced beginner and intermediate riders

Each session is \$200/student

Series Discounts: \$180/session/student for two sessions, \$175/session/student for three sessions

Camper's Name _____

Camper's Parent / Legal Guardian _____

Phone _____ Additional Phone _____

Phone numbers need to be those that can be answered during camp hours of 8am – noon.

Home Address _____

Insurance Information

Policy / Group ID _____ Insurance Phone Number _____

I, _____ give permission for agents of Briar Cottage Farm to use my insurance information for my child, _____, in the event of injury, if needed.

Camper's previous horse experience:

Behavioral or Medical issues that Camp Staff need to be aware of (understanding that camp staff is not liable to remove allergens or provide expert behavioral services in any way.):

With this form, include payment, liability waiver and safety agreement, and sent to:

Briar Cottage Farm
2457 Handys Bend Rd
Wilmore, KY 40390

email: cindy.sither@gmail.com
call or text (text preferred): 859-509-6137

Briar Cottage Farm Summer Horse Camp

2019 marks the 7th year of providing low cost, quality horse care and riding instruction for students aged 6 to 18. Cindy Sither, owner and lead instructor, has over 40 years of equine experience with a strong background in 4-H programs, and the United States Pony Club. In addition, she taught public elementary school for 25 years. The riding program aligns with 4-H and United States Pony Club requirements.

Students will learn how to safely handle horses before and after riding, includes how to groom, and how to tack up. They will also learn basic riding and riding safety skills, and basic horse, tack and stable care. Students will ride between 1 to 2.5 hours most days.

When?

This year the general sessions are open the weeks of:

June 10-14 July 8-12

June 17-21 July 15-19

June 24-28 July 22-26

Each session lasts Monday-Friday of one week, and from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. daily.

Where?

Briar Cottage is housed on Spring Hollow Akhal Tekes Farm in Wilmore, Kentucky. It is just 16 miles south of Lexington, and a short drive from Nicholasville, Versailles, Harrodsburg and Danville.

To Enroll

Please fill out the application, liability form and safety agreement, and mail with a check to:

Briar Cottage Farm

2457 Handys Bend Rd

Wilmore, KY 40390

email: springhollowfarm1@gmail.com

call or text (text preferred): 859-509-6137

Further Opportunities

Students who wish to continue learning may choose to enroll in further lesson packages. Once students reach a certain level of skill both riding and handling horses, there are some opportunities to show locally, and opportunities for an on-farm horse lease, where a student age 12 and up can come and practice on their own, with one paid lesson per week.

Drop Off: Between 8:00 and 8:30 am each day **Pick-up:** Please arrive between 2:00 and 2:15 pm

Early Drop-off / Late Pick-up may be arranged for an additional fee of \$8 per day, per service.

Parents may drive up to the parking area by the small barn or arena to drop off and pick up. Students will meet at 8:30 in the small barn to start the day. Parents may not stay during the session, it distracts your student and the others. We can take short videos for you if you like.

How to Dress for Safety and Function:

Students need to wear sturdy pants or riding breeches that fit fairly close to the body and legs. Students need to wear sturdy, closed-toe boots or shoes with a slight heel for safety. Cowboy boots, paddock boots, or something similar is ideal. Soft shoes, such as sneakers are not safe, and shoes must encase the heel of the foot. ASTM certified riding helmets are provided, or students may bring their own.

Bring a labeled water bottle each day, and a lunch.

Additional items to bring: Sunglasses, sunscreen, bug spray, rain jacket if it's a rainy day. (We will not ride or move horses if there is lightning.)

Horse Camp Footwear Liability

Initial _____ I understand the safety reasons why my child was instructed to wear a sturdy, closed toe boot with a small heel. If I send my child to camp in sneakers or boots with no heel, I understand and accept liability for risk of increased injury if a horse steps on my child's foot while it is encased in less sturdy footwear, and I understand and accept the risk that my child's foot has a much greater risk of sliding all the way through the stirrup and becoming hung due to the lack of a heel. I understand that if my child's foot becomes hung in the stirrup and the child falls, the child could be dragged and injured or killed by a scared horse. I understand and accept that an instructor may choose to disallow a child from active participation if she judges it a prudent safety action.

Name _____ Date _____

Safety / Behavior Agreement

Initial _____ I understand that my child must listen and follow instruction in order to be as safe and effective around horses as possible. I understand and accept that the instructor and facility cannot remove all risk from farm animal activities, as these animals have minds of their own and are likely to use them, sometimes in startling or unpredictable ways that can result in accidents, but these possibilities are greatly lessened if the child follows directions. I understand that if my child chooses to willfully disobey or not cooperate, he or she may be asked to sit out an activity, all the way up to having parents called to take the child home for the remainder of the session with no refund.

Name _____ Date _____

Allergies / Medical Conditions

Initial _____ I understand and accept that the facility and instructors are under no obligation to remove allergens that may affect my child. If my child has a severe allergy to any of the environmental factors at the barn, it is up to the parent to put up with and treat those, (for instance, if you are allergic to dust, come prepared to deal with lots of dust via showers when you get home, allergy medicines, or however you have worked out how to deal with this.) If your child has a major medical issue, staff must be informed and provided with any materials and instructions for treatment (such as Epi-Pens for bee stings, etc.).

Name _____ Date _____