ACTIVITY GUIDE

Horseback Riding

What families should know before camp

Horseback riding gives campers the chance to develop confidence, patience and new skills while working with horses. It is a hands-on activity that requires listening, care and respect for the animals.

What to expect

- Campers receive instruction and guidance from barn staff appropriate to their experience and readiness.
- Riding involves being close to large animals, mounting and dismounting, and following directions in an active barn environment.
- The experience may include learning horse care, handling and safe barn routines alongside time riding.

Getting ready for the barn

- Long pants and closed-toe shoes are required for horseback riding. Please pack both for your camper.
- Camp provides riding helmets. Campers are welcome to bring their own helmet if they have one.
- Approach, touch or feed horses only when barn staff give permission.

Comfort and readiness matter

Campers do not need to arrive as experienced riders. They should, however, be willing to follow directions, move calmly around horses and try an activity involving large animals.

Talk with your camper

- Are they interested in being near and learning to work with horses?
- Will they be comfortable listening to staff and following safety directions?
- Do they have concerns or previous experiences we should know about?

Other Important Information

- Horseback riding is an optional specialty program for an additional fee.
- Advanced registration is encouraged (during enrollment) as space is limited and not guaranteed.
- Horseback riding, if selected, will be one of your child's program periods, one program period is dedicated to mandatory swim lessons, and the final four program periods will be selected during the all-camp activities fair on the first Monday of Camp. Please review the North Woods Camp Brochure and/or the Pleasant Valley Camp Brochure to get a better understanding of the schedules and activities offered.
- Specialty program fees are non-refundable once the camper's session begins. LITs are eligible to participate; CITs are not eligible due to their leadership responsibilities supporting counselors and younger campers.