

#### SUMMER & SPRING BREAK HORSE CAMP

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS -

# Q - Does my child have to have prior riding experience?

A - No. We have camp sessions specifically for beginner riders with no experience.

## Q - What camp session would be best for me to register my child in?

A – We have camp sessions for complete beginners through advanced riders. Check our camp descriptions or call us for more information. We'll be happy to help you determine the best placement for your child .

# Q- My child loves horses and wants to ride, but is timid. Can they still participate?

A –We are accustomed to working with all kinds of children, including those who are timid or fearful. We help the child who lacks confidence by providing successful experiences and with a foundation of safety instruction and development of riding skills.

#### Q - What activities are included in camp?

A – From the first day of camp, we are instructing the camper in all aspects of horse care, from grooming to feeding, hoof care, saddling and bridling, barn care and horse behavior. There are many planned to achieve these goals. Each child will ride daily in a supervised lesson with goals individualized for each student. We also will have periodic trail rides around the property. The cays are divided up into riding lessons, classroom sessions, special activities such as arts & crafts and "hands on" learning activities, and barn care. All students are expected to help in the activities required to care for their horse, such as cleaning their saddle and bridle, and generally helping to keep the barn clean. There are some short "free time" sessions in which campers can experience the other farm animals and other wholesome fun on the farm activities.

## Q - Horses are big animals. Will my child be safe?

A – It is true that horses are big animals, and sometimes unpredictable. Our lesson horses are chosen for their good natures. We have several sessions on horse safety as part of our classroom activities. Our camp rules emphasize safety at all times, and safety practices are emphasized in all activities from leading the horse through the daily riding lessons.

#### Q – I worry about how my child in the Texas heat. Will he/she be alright?

A – We are thrilled to announce that this year our riding will take place under the shade of our brand new covered arena. Our picnic area rests under the shade of the 100 year old Pecan trees, offering pleasant shade and cooler temperatures for campers throughout the day. All students should bring a large water bottle, and water is furnished throughout the day.

#### Q - What kind of clothing will my child need?

A - A riding helmet, long pants, and a low heeled, and a flat-soled boot are required. Please feel free to contact us for more information.

# Q - When can I watch my child ride?

A - Parents are welcome to observe their child ride at any time. Just asks us for the riding schedule on any given day. There will be a show at the end of camp and all parents and family members are invited. Ask us for more details.