



# Welcome to Level Up: Orange/Teal Camp!

Wed, June 21 - Sat, June 24, 2017

Closing Date is Jun 14

The following information will help you prepare for camp. Please call or email us with any additional questions BEFORE camp starts, so that you and your child will be fully prepared for a fun camp experience.

Keep the **Information section** (Pages 1-4) of this enrollment packet so you can refer to it later, and send the **Enrollment Forms sections** (Pages 5-7) to us along with your fees.

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## Tentative Camp Schedules

### **Typical Daily Schedule (Wednesday thru Saturday):**

9:00 am	Camp begins
9:00 – 9:45	Barn chores/Groom & tack up horses
9:45 – 11:45	Riding lesson and Activity Time
11:45 – 12:15	Untack horses
12:15 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 – 4:00	HorseSense lessons, crafts, and games
4:00	Camp ends

### **Saturday Open House:**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Parents are welcome to watch our last riding lesson of camp
2:00 – 3:45 pm	Parents are welcome to join us for our end-of-camp Quiz Bowl
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Camp closes with awards

## Fees and Payment Options

Fees for each session are **\$350.00 per camper**. To secure a spot for your child in a particular session we'll need a non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 along with a completed Enrollment Form. **The balance of remaining fees is due no later than one week before the start of the camp session.** Of course, if you prefer to pay in full ahead of time, that's fine with us! We accept cash and checks, payable to "HorseSense". Our snailmail address for forms and payments is **56 Cindy Lane, Ellijay, GA, 30540**. You may also submit fees online with our secure PayPal account (please include the appropriate processing fee – see website for details): [www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/payment.htm](http://www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/payment.htm)

## Arrival and Departure

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CAMPER IS HERE BETWEEN 8:45 AND 9:00 am** – we will start promptly at 9:00, and will not wait for latecomers. Camp will begin and end each day in the farmhouse; temporary drop-off parking is available in front of the house. (For all other parking, including the Saturday Open House, please park in the lot behind the arena.)

**Parents should plan to attend our 20-minute briefing on the first day of camp**, if possible; thereafter you may drop off your camper each morning – although you're welcome to stay and watch the fun!







## Grouping Campers

We will sort campers into one or two groups, and adjust group activities according to age, maturity, and riding experience. **For 2017, we'll enroll a maximum of 6 campers per camp**, so groups are small and well supervised by our staff.

## Parent Communication

Feel free to call us at any time during the camp day – but understand that you may get our voicemail service if we are in the arena and unable to get to the phone! We will return your message as soon as we are able.

## What to Bring to Camp

-  A refillable water bottle, labeled with camper's name - PLEASE DO NOT SEND BREAKABLE CERAMIC OR GLASS CONTAINERS.
  -  Bagged lunch, and optional healthy snack.
  -  Backpack or tote bag for extra clothes and personal items.
  -  Sunscreen: please apply in the morning before arriving at camp
  -  If your child has an ASTM-SEI approved riding helmet, you should bring it. Otherwise, we will provide a helmet.
-  **If you have purchased a set of HorseSense Study Guides, please bring the appropriate guides with you to camp.**

## What Not to Bring to Camp

Please do not bring any extra items such as stuffed animals, toys, trading cards, electronic games, or music players.

**NOTE: If you bring a cell phone, you will not be allowed to text/talk during any camp activities!**

## Appropriate Clothing for Camp

- 🐾 T-Shirt and long pants for riding: leggings or stretchy jeans, jodhpurs, or breeches
- 🐾 Safe footwear is required. Boots (paddock or cowboy) are preferred, but sturdy shoes – with a heel and a relatively smooth sole – that cover the ankle and toe are acceptable. Tall boots, chaps and half-chaps are optional. Tennis shoes and sandals will not protect your child's feet from horse feet and are not allowed.
- 🐾 Campers may bring shorts for a cooler change of clothes on hot days.
- 🐾 All clothing should be reasonably modest (i.e., no cleavage or bare midriffs), and should fit comfortably, neither too tight nor too loose.
- 🐾 Long hair should be tied back securely, and jewelry is discouraged for safety reasons: only stud earrings are allowed.
- 🐾 PLEASE -- Put camper's name on all items! We can't be responsible for wandering clothing, helmets, etc.
- 🐾 Please don't send your child to camp in their brand-new breeches – we get DIRTY! We paint, we tie-dye, we play in the dirt (or mud), we get horsey slobber (and other equine substances) on our clothes. It doesn't all wash out!

## Meals and Snacks/Sleepovers

It's important to remember that riding is an athletic activity that requires energy and the ability to focus. We also need your child to be attentive and teachable during unmounted learning activities. This means that meals and snacks during camp should be nutritious: we strongly discourage foods with excessive amounts of sugar, caffeine, or sodium that can impair your child's ability to fully engage in camp activities.

Campers should bring their own healthy bagged lunch (we can refrigerate or microwave as required) – **please note that we won't offer a paid lunch option this year EXCEPTING those campers who stay overnight.**

Sleepovers will be available on a first-come-first-served basis, for campers aged 10 and up, and include three meals per day. Check with Nikki to make sure we have a bed available before adding the additional \$25.00 Sleepover Fee to your entry fees.

Your child may bring additional snacks, or not, as you prefer. We will encourage campers to drink plenty of water during camp, so don't forget those refillable water bottles!

Should you wish to bring treats for the horses, please stick to carrots, apples, or packaged horse treats – and remember that ALL treats must be given under our direct supervision!

## Survival Tips for Summer Heat

We ride in an open hilltop arena full of sand and no shade – sunscreen and hydration are a MUST! Remind your camper to hydrate BEFORE camp starts, and to drink plenty of water throughout each day. You may send them with natural juices that come in containers or boxes, but avoid caffeinated beverages that will contribute to dehydration on hot days. We will provide plenty of cold water throughout the day for their refillable water bottles.

## Camp Photos and Videos

We love looking back at photos and videos of previous camps (twelve years and counting!), so we're grateful to have a talented photographer on staff to capture the fun. We'll post a few of our favorites on our Facebook page, and Nikki will eventually post a summer day camp video, all of which will be available via the **Latest News** page on our website.

For a small fee, our photographer can also provide you with a CD that contains ALL of the photos of your camper in a printable high-resolution format. *Please let us know during briefing (or before camp) if you'd like to purchase a personalized photo CD.*

### Illness/Medical Conditions

We do need to know if your child has ANY medical (allergies, asthma, medications, etc.) or developmental conditions (ADHD, autism, etc.) that may affect their ability to ride or follow directions. Please be explicit when filling out that section of the enrollment form.

If your child is sick, but not contagious, and is well enough to be outside with other youngsters, you may send him/her to camp, but please inform us of your child's condition -- esp. if your child is taking any medication, even if it is non-prescription.

### Inclement Weather

Camp will be held rain or shine -- and yes, we ride in wet conditions unless the arena footing is unsafe or there is an immediate threat of lightning. In summer we may change our riding schedule as needed to work around thunderstorms -- but in all other conditions we ride. Most children think this is great fun -- but you might want to send a change of clothes on wet days.

### Absence

A parent needs to inform the camp by 8:00 a.m. if a camper is unable to attend camp that day. There is no refund for missed camp days.

### Emergency Policies

We will make every attempt to contact you or your designated contact person if your child should need emergency care. In the event that we are unable to contact you, we will have your child taken to the Emergency Services in North Georgia Medical Center in Ellijay, unless you specifically request another location. We recommend that you provide us with a completed Medical Information form to expedite the treatment process.

### Open House on Saturday

We like to open up our last day of camp with activities that allow campers to show off their new skills and knowledge. Families and friends are encouraged to bring cameras, canopies and folding chairs to set up on our viewing terraces during the Saturday riding lessons -- and to watch campers compete for prizes and glory in an informal Quiz Bowl in the afternoon. At the end of camp, we'll all gather on the deck for camp awards -- we hope you'll join us to clap and cheer as we close camp.

# DAY CAMP PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

Terms and Conditions 🐾 Release and Waiver of Liability

## PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT/TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All participants will agree to abide by all rules and policies of HorseSense Riding Academy and Hy-View Stables, as posted on website and barn door.
2. Directors may dismiss a participant from any program at HorseSense Riding Academy at any time.
3. HorseSense Riding Academy is **NOT** responsible for any lost articles of clothing or campers' personal articles.
4. FEES - Fees for each 4-day session are \$350 per camper. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 is due with the Enrollment Form to secure a spot in a particular session. The remaining \$325 is due no later than one week before the start of the camp session. All fees may be paid in advance.
5. PAYMENT - Fees may be paid by check or money order, payable to: HorseSense. You may bring payment to us at the farm, or mail it to: **HorseSense Day Camp, c/o 56 Cindy Lane, Ellijay, GA 30540**. Online payments via PayPal are accepted (with an additional processing fee); see our website at [www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/payments](http://www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/payments) for more information.
6. REFUNDS - Our refund policy is designed to discourage last minute cancellations and to help families on the waiting list. Fees (less the deposit) are refundable up to two weeks before the start of the program. After this date there is no refund unless the space can be filled by another camper. There is no refund for missed days at camp.

## RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

**Our camps take place in the outdoors and include activities which are adventurous and challenging. All camp activities contain certain inherent risks. Our purpose for this disclosure is not to cause you undo concern but to inform you of the risks connected with the fun, adventure and challenge of all camp programs. Read this agreement carefully before signing it. Your signature indicates you understand it and agree to its terms. By signing this agreement, you (and your child) are giving up certain legal rights, including the right to sue or recover damages in case of injury, death or property damages, for any reason, including but not limited to, the negligence of HorseSense Riding Academy, Inc., its owner, employees and agents ("Stable"), property owners of Hy-View Farm and Hy-View Stables, or horse's owner ("Owner").**

In consideration for allowing my minor child to ride and handle a horse and on behalf of myself, my child or our personal representatives, heirs, next-of-kin, spouses and assigns, I HEREBY:

1. Acknowledge that a horse or mule may, without warning or any apparent cause, buck, stumble, trip, roll, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person; saddles or bridles may loosen or break; a participant may act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within such participant's ability - all of which may cause the rider to fall or be struck or jolted, resulting in serious injury or death.
2. **ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HORSEBACK RIDING IS AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY AND INVOLVES RISKS THAT MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY AND IN SOME CASES DEATH**, because of the unpredictable nature and irrational behavior of horses, regardless of their training and past performance.
3. Voluntarily assume the risk and danger of injury or death inherent in the handling of the horse, and use of saddles, bridles, equipment, and gear provided to my child by the Stable.
4. Release, discharge and promise not to sue the Stable for any loss, damage, injury (including death) or cost to my child's person or property arising out of riding or handling a horse; use of saddles, bridles, equipment or gear provided by the Stable; or horse care or training information disseminated by the Stable.
5. Acknowledge that information provided by the Stable on training, horse health, care, and treatment is not intended to replace diagnosis or treatment by a veterinarian or other qualified professional, and voluntarily assume all risks of interpreting and applying that information.
6. Release the Stable from any claim that such Stable were negligent in connection with my child's riding activities or handling of a horse, including but not limited to training or selecting horses, maintenance, care, fit or adjusting of saddles or bridles, instruction on handling or riding skills or leading and supervising riders, which resulted in loss, damage, injury or both.
7. Indemnify, and save and hold harmless the Stable from and against any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur arising out of or in any way connected with my child's handling of the horse and/or use of any saddles, bridles, equipment or gear provided therewith resulting from or contributed to by my own negligence.
8. During all riding activities, it is required that my child and all participants wear an ASTM-SEI certified protective helmet. It is my understanding that a protective helmet is available and has been offered for my child's safety.
9. Warrant that a full and fair disclosure of my child's abilities has been made to the Stable.
10. Agree that my child shall abide by and follow Stable's rules and regulations, which shall be posted and/or available from time to time.
11. Expressly agree that the foregoing release and assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Georgia and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by Georgia law, and that in the event any portion of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the balance of the Agreement shall not be affected or impaired in any way and shall continue in full legal force and effect.
12. Acknowledge that this document is a contract and agree that if a lawsuit is filed against the Stable for any injury or damage in breach of this contract, I will pay all attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the Stable in defending such an action.

**Warning-Under Georgia law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.**

I have read this document. I understand it is a promise not to sue and to release the HorseSense Riding Academy, Hy-View Stables, Hy-View Farm, its owners, employees and agents, for all claims. I have made a free and deliberate choice to sign this Release and Waiver as a condition to the Stable allowing my child to ride or handle a horse. I have concluded that the risks involved and the release and waiver of liability is worth the pleasure of horseback riding experience.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE of MINOR CHILD'S PARENT or GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_





# HorseSense Riding Academy

## Sleepover Rules

Overnight camping at the HorseSense farmhouse is available under the following terms and conditions:

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 🐾 To be eligible for overnight camping, you must be aged 10 or older and mature enough for minimal supervision. It would be nice if you're neat and tidy, as well.
- 🐾 Campers should display respect for the staff, fellow campers, and the possessions of others. No behavioral problems will be tolerated.
- 🐾 Alcohol and drug use is strictly prohibited. Parents should alert the staff of any medical condition and treatment required during camp, including prescription or OTC medications.

### ACCOMMODATIONS AND STUFF YOU SHOULD BRING:

- 🐾 Campers will share a bunkroom and the farmhouse bathroom. Choice of beds or cots is on a first-come first-served basis. **You must supply your own bedding (sleeping bag or twin-sized sheets, pillows, and blankets), towels, and toiletries.** If you forget your bedding, either you do without or we'll buy it for you at WalMart and bill you accordingly.
- 🐾 It's always a good idea to pack extra clothes and footwear for those wonderful wet days -- we do ride in rain (and mud!).
- 🐾 EVERYTHING you bring to the farm should be labeled with your name. We will not be responsible for anything you leave here, and will donate all left items to the local thrift shop.
- 🐾 For your evening amusement, you may bring card or board games, books, movies on VHS or DVD (rated G or PG, please), and portable electronic games or music players (headphones required). You will be given space to store your personal items -- but we recommend keeping your stuff in labeled totes or storage boxes. We cannot be responsible for valuables, so please leave those at home.
- 🐾 **There is no maid service here: please allow enough time before your departure from camp to clean the bunkroom and adjoining bathroom.**

### MEALS:

- 🐾 You may bring your own meals and snacks; the farmhouse refrigerator is available for perishables. **Label everything!** Campers who bring their own snacks and beverages are encouraged to avoid excess sugar, salt and caffeine for the duration of camp. While these things are fine in moderation, we've learned that junk food in general -- and group sugar binges in particular! -- make it difficult for kids to perform well during camp, and significantly increases the risk of injury during riding.
- 🐾 Sleepovers that include paid meals generally follow this menu plan:
  - o Breakfast consisting of cereal; toast, bagel, or biscuit; oatmeal with fruit; juice or tea.
  - o Lunch options include sandwiches or salad, chips, and fruit.
  - o Home-cooked dinners will vary, but will be healthy and filling.
  - o We will provide juice and water -- if you want other beverages, bring them!
- 🐾 We can accommodate special diets with advanced notice.

**Any camper who fails to meet these requirements may be sent home, at the discretion of the HorseSense staff. Happy, responsible, self-directed campers are welcome any time!**

I have read and consent to the terms of overnight camping at HorseSense Riding Academy:

Camper's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian (if camper is under 18 ): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_