

North Crest Equestrian Center Horse Camp Protocol

General Rules/Guidelines

- DO NOT come to North Crest if you or someone in your home is experiencing respiratory or COVID-19 symptoms (shortness of breath, cough or fever). Instructors may send anyone home that is displaying any type of respiratory or COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students not to be at barn more than 15 minutes ahead of or after the camp.
- Everyone must practice social distancing (6 feet apart at all time).
- No congregating in the lounge, tack room or aisle areas.
- Everyone must provide and wear their own mask. Mask can be taken off while riding but must be worn before and after ride. Observers must wear masks at all times.
- Everyone to enter and exit through the back door or horse barn (from parking lot).
- Everyone entering barn must use hand sanitizer immediately when they first arrive. It will be placed on the wall to your right as you walk in.
- No treats to be fed to any of the horses. If you want to bring treats they can be placed in the designated bucket and will be distributed at the end of the day by the instructor.
- For the first day, horse camp registration and waiver (2 separate forms) must be filled out upon arrival and sent in with the student.
- Horse camp times are now 12:30-2:30
- There will be no more than 4 students to each horse camp.

Pre-ride/Tack-up

- No more than two students grooming a horse at once. Grooming tools must be cleaned after each use, and students must wash hands after grooming. Instructor will be responsible for picking hooves.
- Instructor responsible for a tacking up demonstration before riding.

Arena Protocol

- Instructors are responsible for leading the lesson horse to the mounting block, tightening the girth, and adjusting stirrups.
- Rider's mask must be taken off before mounting.
- The student that is finishing up their lesson must dismount in the middle of arena and wait for the new rider to leave the mounting block area and ride into arena before they can leave. They must then put their mask back on before leaving arena.
- Tack will be wiped down between riders if the same lesson horse is used back to back.
- It is an option for the student to bring riding gloves to wear only during their lesson. These gloves can be taken home to be cleaned for the next day.
- No congregating by the door or mounting block area.

- On the last day of horse camp, no more than two immediate family members can accompany the student to watch their lesson. Students will be assigned a time block for their ride time for the last day. We ask that parents not come earlier than the designated time block, but if this is the case please remain in your car until it is time. Students are expected to go home once their ride time is done.
- Chairs must be spaced out at least 6 feet apart for those watching their student ride.

Post Ride

- Instructor is responsible for leading horse from the arena.
- Tack must be removed and cleaned after the lessons. If the school horse is to be used again later in the day, the saddle can be left on but must be cleaned off with leather wipes and the bridle can be taken off but must be cleaned as well and put back on hook on horse's stall door.
- Tack room area is off limits
- Students may help shower or bathe a horse one at a time under the supervision of an instructor. Students must use hand sanitizer immediately after.

Barn Activities

- Students must wear a mask during all demonstrations, games, crafts, etc.
- Students will be assigned their art supplies to use through the week for craft activities. Art supplies will be cleaned by the end of the camp day, and kept in their own Ziplock bag.
- Weather permitting, activities will be outside to better enact social distancing
- For demonstrations such as grooming, stall cleaning, tack cleaning, braiding, bathing, etc., only two students can participate at a time.
- Students will have many opportunities to wash/sanitize hands over the course of the day