



Choosing a Riding Day Camp: A Parents Checklist

1. Is the facility (barn/stable) accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA) or Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA)? Yes No
2. Are instructors certified by the CHA or American Riding Instructors Association (ARIA)? Yes No

Accreditation and certification ensures the camp has safety standards and instructors teach in a safe, professional, competent manner. If "No" to both does not mean the camp is unsafe. There are camps that are not accredited or have certified trainers but have safe practices. However to make sure ask the following ten questions.

1. Are campers required to wear riding helmets when riding? Yes No
2. Does the instructor make sure the riding helmet is worn and fits properly before riding? Yes No
3. Are campers required to wear riding boots or similar, before riding? Yes No
4. Does the Camp have safety policies for prevention? Yes No
5. Does the Camp have policy for handling riding related emergencies? Yes No
6. Are there background checks for those working with child campers? Yes No
7. Are instructors well-trained with horses and teaching children? Yes No
8. Do you have experienced and well-mannered lesson horses? Yes No
9. If there are out-of-camp trips, is there a trip leader a) qualified in First Aid & CPR, b) a parental permission needed before each trip, c) a buddy system, d) lost-camper protocol)? Yes No
10. Are parent visits encouraged? Yes No



If "No" to any of the above, consider another riding camp!

If "Yes" to all above, consider the following:

1. What are the hours? Usually 9am-3pm or half day
2. Is there extended care, before and after camp? Usually 8-9am and 3-5pm
3. Is lunch included or children bring lunch? Usually bring own

Accreditation Logos



Riding helmet & boots



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