



Horse Birthday Parties at CK Equestrian

Party Offerings

Horse Birthday Parties are a great way to get your child and friends to join in some pony fun, groom, ride and celebrate their birthday the equine way! We offer 2 different Horse Birthday Party options for you to choose from: Trail Ride Party and Pony Ride Party. Duration of the party is 1 1/2 hours. This includes one hour of programming with 1/2 hour set aside for food and presents. Cake, presents and party decorations will not be provided unless purchased as an add-on. Please ask staff about this option when scheduling your party.

Trail Ride Party: Ages 6+

Parties scheduled April 1st through October 31st: \$180 for 6 children

(We no longer offer parties between November and March due to cold weather conditions) \$15 per additional child

Maximum Children Participating: 12

Enjoy a 1 1/2 hour party at the barn. Riding time will involve a staff led trail ride in our beautiful Camp Ketcha groomed trail system/woods. 1/2 hour set aside for cake and presents is included in time. Staff led trail rides will go out on the trails in groups of up to four riders at a time. Horsemanship staff will be leading the horses regardless of participants riding experience. An arts and crafts project will be offered for those not on the trail ride. All participants in trail ride parties must be at least 6 years old.

Pony Ride Party: Ages 3+

Parties scheduled April 1st-October 31st: \$165 for 8 children

\$10 per additional child

Maximum Children Participating: 20

Enjoy a 1 1/2 hour party at the barn which includes a safety overview, grooming and pony rides (as many pony rides as the 1 hour of programming will allow) led by our experienced staff. 1/2 hour set aside for cake and presents included in time. Pony rides are staff led rides located in the riding ring.

Party Details

Horse programming consists of a horsemanship safety overview, the riding activity and an arts and crafts option. When registering for the party, one of the following arts and crafts may be chosen: horse/pony grooming & coloring sheets or decorating horse shoes (this activity is an additional \$4 per). Depending upon the season, picnic tables and a pavilion at the barn are available for guest use. Because the barn now has a mini-fridge, we are no longer able to offer storage space for birthday cakes and ice-cream. Guest parking will be available at the barn. The barn entrance is located at 12 Spurwink Road.

Parking

Please let all party guests know that they should park directly at the barn. The barn entrance is located at 12 Spurwink Road.

Party Set-Up

The pavilion and picnic tables are located adjacent to the riding ring. For safety reasons, we ask that any party decorations including balloons or other items that may blow about in the wind, be set up after the conclusion of riding activities. In colder weather, it may be possible to use the main building for arts and crafts activities and cake and ice-cream. Please check with staff for availability prior to the party date.

Permission Slip

The Equine Activity Release Form **MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED BEFORE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITY**. All signed release forms will be collected at the beginning of the party before activities begin. Please let Rosemary know prior to the party date if a party participant has a signed release form on file for the current year so it can be pulled from our records and set aside for party staff.

Inclement Weather

In the case of inclement weather, the party activities will take place inside the barn. Activities will include a grooming contest and a horse-themed arts and crafts project. We also have horse costumes that participants may use to dress up our horses and ponies for photo opportunities.

Helmets

We require the use of ASTM/SEI certified Equestrian Riding Helmets for all mounted equestrian activities. Children who have their own horseback riding helmets are encouraged to bring them to the barn. However, we do not require or expect children to have their own helmets and therefore, we do provide them for all riders. **Bicycle helmets are not acceptable for horseback riding as the testing standards for safety gear differ between the two activities.**

Clothing

For our horsemanship programs and riding lessons, participants are required to wear helmets, proper footwear and long pants when mounted. Wearing shorts or capris pants in the saddle may cause sores on riders' legs. Any sort of long pants are acceptable, but keep in mind that "wind pants" may be slippery in the saddle.

It is suggested that children wear boots or sturdy shoes with a 1/2 to 1-inch heel (high- heeled boots are unsafe as the stirrup can get caught behind the heel) although for Pony Ride Party activities, sneakers would be fine. Paddock boots are ideal for riding, however, many hiking boots and rain boots work fine as well. **For safety reasons we cannot allow participants or parents to wear sandals, flip flops or crocs in the barn or when around the horses.**

For pony ride parties, participants will not be required to wear long pants and may wear sneakers or other footwear as long it is not open-toed as they will not be using stirrups when mounted.

This list of requirements was developed to ensure the safety of your child and our staff. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us. You may either email Rosemary at rbaker@campketcha.org or call the Barn directly at 883-8977, ext. 110. Any of our horsemanship staff will be able to assist you.

We look forward to providing a fun, safe birthday party experience!